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Charleston, SC

A regular meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 5th day of October, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Second Floor, Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building, 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; Curtis B. Inabinett; Joe McKeown; A. Victor Rawl; Elliott Summey and Dickie Schweers. Council Member Paul R. Thurmond was absent and Council Member Henry E. Darby was still recovering from injuries received when he was struck by a car and suffered a concussion.

Also present were: Allen O'Neal, County Administrator; County Attorney Joe Dawson; and Dan Pennick, Director of the Zoning/Planning Department.

Rev. Robert Reid gave the invocation. County Assistant Administrator for General Services, Walt Small 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. McKeown moved approval of the minutes of September 21, 2010, seconded by Mr. Summey, and carried.

The Chairman announced that the Charleston County EMS has been awarded the 2010 National Paid EMS Services of the Year, and requested Assistant Administrator for Human Services Jennifer Miller to present the award to EMS Director Don Lundy and his team.

Mr. Lundy explained how his team had won this National Award and introduced Members of the EMS team who had participated.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Lundy and his team, and Council Members and the audience gave them a standing ovation.

An Ordinance amending Budget Ordinance 1642 was given third reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1642 TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCREASE OF THE ST. JOHNS FIRE DISTRICT'S AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES FROM \$9,497,762 TO 9,717,762 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.

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WHEREAS, Charleston County enacted Ordinance Number 1642 on June 15, 2010 which, *inter alia*, provided approval of the Fiscal Year 2011 budget for the St. John's Fire District (the District), and

WHEREAS, the desired increased authorized expenditures were not reflected in Ordinance No. 1642, and

WHEREAS, as provided in Ordinance Number 1642, County Council must approve an amendment to said Budget Ordinance when expenditures are increased,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL that Charleston County Ordinance No. 1642 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1.

Section 2 is amended by increasing the approved budget amount from \$9,497,762 to \$9,717,762 so that Section 2 reads as follows:

"That the budget of St. John's Fire District in the amount of \$9,717,762 is hereby approved by Charleston County Council."

Section 2.

Section 4 is amended to increase the difference between budgeted expenditures and budgeted revenues by \$220,000 so that the section reads as follows:

"The \$861,294 difference between the \$9,717,762 in budgeted expenditures and the \$8,856,468 in budgeted ad valorem taxes consist of other available funding sources."

Section 3.

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any circumstance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, this holding shall not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared by Council to be severable.

Section 4.

The remainder of the original ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 5.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon Third Reading

The Chairman called for third reading of the Ordinance. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- absent
Mr. Inabinett	- aye
Mr. McKeown	- nay
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- nay
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Thurmond	- absent
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being five (5) ayes, two (2) and two (2) absent, the Chairman declared the Ordinance to have received third reading approval.

**Remount
Ventures,
LLC
Ordinance
3rd Reading**

An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee-in-lieu of tax agreement was given third reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CHARLESTON COUNTY AND REMOUNT VENTURES, LLC, WHEREBY CHARLESTON COUNTY WILL ENTER INTO A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH REMOUNT VENTURES, LLC; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT BY R4EMOUNT VENTURES, LLC OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

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 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "FILOT Act"), to designate real and tangible personal property as "economic development property" and to enter into an arrangement which provides for payment in lieu of taxes ("FILOT Payments") for a project qualifying under the FILOT Act; and

WHEREAS, the Space and Air Warfare Systems (SPAWAR) Center Atlantic is a driving force in the Charleston regional economy, providing a \$2.6 billion annual impact and 3,100 local jobs; and

WHEREAS, Remount Ventures, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company (the "Company") has developed the first phase of the 60-acre Remount Road Business Park (the "Project"), located just across from SPAWAR, with significant input from defense industry experts and features unique, highly specialized high-bay flex space equipped with state-of-the-art telecommunications, by constructing the first building (200,000 square feet developed with a capital investment of over \$20 million) now under lease to Scientific Research Corporation, Inc., Bartling Bay / Three Saints, and Stanley, Inc. – three SPAWAR vendors employing nearly 300 high-tech workers; and

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WHEREAS, the Company has proposed a \$35 million expansion of the park that is anticipated to create 600 or more new jobs during the next ten years with a capital investment of nearly \$24 million in the construction of the 105,000 sq. ft. Building Two and the 77,000 sq. ft. Building Three; with additional investment estimated at \$11 million to occur later in additional phases on the remaining 15 acres (collectively, the "Expansion"); during the next twenty years, the Expansion (including only real property improvements) is anticipated to generate approximately \$10.8 million in new property tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the Expansion, the County has agreed to enter into a fee-in-lieu-of-taxes (FILOT) arrangement and provide a special source revenue credit (SSRC) to reimburse the Company for a portion of the infrastructure costs which will occur with the Expansion; and

WHEREAS, this SSRC benefit would be provided to the Company annually over a 10-year period, subject to several capital investments, job creation, and payroll clawbacks which would diminish or even eliminate benefits if less than the pledged \$35 million in capital investment takes place, or if new job creation lags below the projected 600 new jobs, or if the associated \$30 million in additional payroll does not occur, which benefits were the basis for this agreement. As part of its agreement, the Company has also pledged to pursue the creation of a high technology incubator facility at Remount Road Business Park which would fuel innovation among existing companies, enhance collaboration with SPAWAR, and help spawn new entrepreneurial activity; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest, for the public benefit, and in furtherance of the public purposes of the FILOT Act that the County Council provide final approval for qualifying the Project under the FILOT Act;

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

Section 1. Evaluation of the Project. County Council have evaluated the Project on the following criteria based upon the advice and assistance of the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the Board of Economic Advisors:

- (a) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes;
- (b) the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment to be made; and
- (c) the anticipated costs and benefits to the County.

Section 2. Findings by County Council. Based upon information provided by and representations of the Company, County Council's investigation of the Project, including the criteria described in Section 1 above, and the advice and assistance of the South Carolina Department of Revenue and the Board of Economic Advisors, as required, County Council hereby find that:

- (a) the Project constitutes a “project” as that term is defined in the FILOT Act;
- (b) the Project will serve the purposes of the FILOT Act;
- (c) the Investment by the Company in the Project is anticipated to be approximately \$35,000,000, all to be invested within five (5) years from the end of the property tax year in which the Company and the County execute the Fee Agreement;
- (d) the Project will be located entirely within Charleston County;
- (e) the Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of Charleston County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally;
- (f) the Project gives rise to neither a pecuniary liability of the County nor a charge against its general credit or taxing power;
- (g) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes;
- (h) the inducement of the location of the Project is of paramount importance; and
- (i) the benefits of the Project to the public are greater than the cost to the public.

Section 3. Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes Arrangement. Pursuant to the authority of the FILOT Act, the Project is designated as “economic development property” under the FILOT Act and there is hereby authorized a fee-in-lieu of taxes arrangement with the Company which will provide FILOT Payments to be made based upon a 6% assessment ratio with the millage rate of 273.8 mils to be fixed for the entire 20-year term of the fee-in-lieu of taxes, all as more fully set forth in the Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement between the County and the Company (the “Fee Agreement”).

Section 4. Special Source Revenue Credits. Specifically, the Company would benefit from a property tax millage rate ‘fixed’ at the current rate over the next twenty years, and would receive an SSRC benefit equivalent to 28% of the total FILOT revenues over the twenty-year project term, not to exceed \$3 million.

Section 5. Execution of the Fee Agreement. The form, terms, and provisions of the Fee Agreement presented to this meeting and filed with the Clerk of the County Council be and hereby are approved, and all of the terms, provisions, and conditions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if such Fee Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of the County Council and the Clerk of the County Council be and they are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to execute, acknowledge, and deliver the Fee Agreement in the name and on behalf of the County, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered

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to the Company. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with any changes therein as shall not materially adversely affect the rights of the County thereunder and as shall be approved by the County Attorney and the officials of the County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of all changes therein from the form of Fee Agreement now before this meeting.

Section 6. Miscellaneous.

(a) The Chairman and all other appropriate officials of the County are hereby authorized to execute, deliver, and receive any other agreements and documents as may be required by the County in order to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the transactions authorized by this Ordinance.

(b) This Ordinance shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of South Carolina.

(c) This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval following third reading by the County Council.

(d) The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase, or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, that declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases, and provisions hereunder.

(e) All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of the conflict, hereby repealed.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL
Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:
 Beverly T. Craven, Clerk

First Reading September 7, 2010
 Second Reading September 21, 2010
 Public Hearing October 5, 2010
 Third Reading October 5, 2010

The Chairman called for third reading of the Ordinance. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- absent
Mr. Inabinett	- aye
Mr. McKeown	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye

Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Thurmond	- absent
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being seven (7) ayes and two (2) absent, the Chairman declared the Ordinance to have received third reading approval.

**ZLDR
Amendments
Ordinance
2nd Reading**

An Ordinance amending the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development regulations was given second reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, NUMBER 1202, AS AMENDED: CHAPTER 2 (REVIEW AND DECISION MAKING BODIES), CHAPTER 4 (BASE ZONING DISTRICTS), CHAPTER 5 (OVERLAY AND SPECIAL PURPOSE ZONING DISTRICTS) AND CHAPTER 8 (SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS).

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	- absent
Mr. Inabinett	- aye
Mr. McKeown	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Thurmond	- absent
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being seven (7) ayes and two (2) absent, the Chairman declared the Ordinance to have received second reading approval.

**ZPDA-6-10-
8670 (85A),
Freshfields
Drive
Ordinance
2nd Reading**

An Ordinance rezoning properties from the Planned Development District (PD-85) to the Planned Development District (PD-85A) was given second reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

REZONING PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 224, 225, 345, 350, 440, 540 AND 649 FRESHFIELDS DRIVE; 91 AND 165 VILLAGE GREEN LANE; 900 KIAWAH ISLAND PARKWAY AND 1884 SEABROOK ISLAND ROAD, PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS: 204-00-00-029 AND 205-00-00-014,-076 -218,- 219,-220,-221, 222, -223, - 224, AND -225, FROM THE PLANNED

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DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PD-85) TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PD-85A).

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	- absent
Mr. Inabinett	- aye
Mr. McKeown	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Thurmond	- absent
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being seven (7) ayes and two (2) absent, the Chairman declared the Ordinance to have received second reading approval.

**ZPDA 6-10-8672 (PD 147)
1147 Six Mile Road
Ordinance 2nd
Reading**

An Ordinance rezoning property located at 1147 Six Mile Road was given second reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

REZONING PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1147 SIX MILE ROAD FROM A SPECIAL MANAGEMENT 3 DISTRICT (S-3) TO A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PD-147)

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	- absent
Mr. Inabinett	- aye
Mr. McKeown	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Thurmond	- absent
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being seven (7) ayes and two (2) absent, the Chairman declared the Ordinance to have received second reading approval.

**Awendaw
Consolidated
Fire District
Appointments
4**

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information furnished by Kristen Salisbury, Deputy Clerk of Council, regarding vacancies on the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District Advisory Board. It was stated that an application for reappointment was received from Charles Singleton and applications for appointment were received from Patricia A. Brown, Robert O. Shumate, and Therrell L. Williams, Jr. It was shown that the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District was established by County Ordinance and consists of nine members, seven of whom being residents of the unincorporated East Cooper area and one representative from the Town of Awendaw and one representative from the Town of McClellanville. It was stated that the purpose of the Board is to advise Charleston County Council of the nature and level of fire services to be provided in the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District.

Committee represented that Council:

1. Reappoint Charles Singleton to the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District Advisory Board for a term to expire in April 2012.
2. Appoint Robert Shumate and Therrell Williams to the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District Advisory Board for terms to expire in April 2012.
2. Appoint Patricia Brown to the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District to replace Paul Misuraca for a term to expire in April 2011.

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

**Disabilities
and Special
Needs Board
Appointments
4**

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information provided by Kristen Salisbury, Deputy Clerk to Council, regarding the need to make four appointments to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board. It was stated that the terms of J. Kevin Crain, Dr. Sherron Jackson, and two other members who recently resigned, expired in September 2010. It was further stated that J. Kevin Crain and Dr. Sherron Jackson have submitted applications for reappointment and applications for appointment were received from Christopher Dourado and Anthony Major, Sr. It was shown that Members of the Disabilities and Special Needs Board are appointed by the Governor for four year terms and that County Council recommends to the Governor persons to be appointed. It was further shown that the mission of the Board is to assist people with disabilities in meeting their needs, pursuing their dreams and achieving their possibilities; and to minimize the occurrence and reduce severity of disabilities through prevention.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Request the Governor to reappoint J. Kevin Crain and Sherron Jackson to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board for terms to expire in September 2014.

2. Request the Governor to appoint Christopher Dourado and Anthony Major, Sr. to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board for terms to expire in September 2014.

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

**Housing and
Redevelopment
Authority
Appointments
2**

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information provided by Kristen Salisbury, Deputy Clerk to Council, regarding the need to make two appointments to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority. It was stated that the terms of Ada Kelly and Althea Richardson expired in July 2010.

Application for reappointment was received from both incumbents and no other applications were received. It was stated that the Charleston County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is a public housing agency, receiving Federal Funds, charged with providing the County with adequate and safe low income housing and making same available to qualified persons and families at rentals they can afford. The Authority is composed of seven members, two of whom must be receiving assistance. Terms are for five years.

Committee recommended that Council reappoint Ada Kelly and Althea Richardson to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for terms to expire in July 2015.

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

**Forestry
Board
Appointment
1**

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information provided by Kristen Salisbury, Deputy Clerk to Council, regarding the need to make one appointment to the Forestry Board. It was stated that the term of Thomas Folsie expired in June 2010 and that Mr. Folsie has submitted an application for reappointment and an application for appointment was received from William Steven Busbee. It was shown that the five members of the Charleston County Forestry Board assist in the general conduct of the forestry program in the County and reviews, revises, and adopts the annual forest fire protection plan. It was further shown that Members of the Board need to reside in Charleston County and that five year appointments are made by the State Forester upon recommendation of County Council.

Committee recommend that Council request that the State Forester reappoint Thomas Folsie to the Forestry Board for a term to expire in June 2015.

Ms. Condon moved that in lieu of Committee recommendation that Council recommend the appointment of William Steven Busbee to the Forestry Board for a term to expire in June 2015. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rawl and carried.

**Library Board
of Trustees
Appointments
2**

A report was read from the Administration Policy/Rules Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information provided by Kristen Salisbury, Deputy Clerk to Council, regarding the need to make two appointments to the Library Board of Trustees due to the resignation of LoElla Smalls and Ellen Cole Vaughan. It was stated that applications for appointment were received from Steven Clem, Ed Fava, Waring Hills, Maureen Maguire, Michael McCurdy, JoAnne Simson, Eve Stubbs Smither, Paul Tinkler, and Penny Travis. It was stated that the Library Board of Trustees Chair Janet Segal reviewed the applications and submitted a letter of recommendation for two appointees. It was shown that the Library Board of Trustees is an 11 member Board that is charged by State Statute to control and manage the County Public Library System, and that Members are appointed by County Council from all geographical areas of the County for terms of four years, with no Members being appointed for more than two consecutive four year terms.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Appoint Ed Fava to the Library Board of Trustees to replace LoElla Smalls for a term to expire in December 2014.
- 2, Appoint Paul Tinkler to the Library Board of Trustees to replace Ellen Cole Vaughan for a term to expire in December 2012.

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

**Pipeline
Inspection
Camera
System
Award of Bid**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Barrett J. Tolbert, Director of Procurement, regarding bids received for a pipeline inspection system to provide a safe and efficient method for quality control and quality assurance of newly constructed drainage systems and projects. It was stated that the Charleston County Stormwater Management Program which has been in place since November, 2007 includes the County's compliance with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4). It was shown that the required pipeline inspection system provides a safe and efficient method for quality control and quality assurance for Stormwater Management Systems.

Committee recommends that Council approve the purchase of the pipeline inspection camera to be utilized by the Charleston County Stormwater Management Program for compliance and quality control to Southern Municipal Equipment Company, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$83,222.50, with the understanding that funds are available in the FY 10 Stormwater budget.

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

**FY 2011
Revised CARTA
Budget
Request to
Approve**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Mack

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Gile, Budget Director, regarding the Charleston Area Regional Transportation (CARTA) revised budget for Fiscal Year 2011. It was stated that the State Regional Transportation Authority Law requires the 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. It was shown that on July 14, 2010, Charleston County Council approved the CARTA FY 2011 budget for Operating, Capital and Debt Service totally \$20,084,241.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Fiscal Year 2011 Charleston Regional Transportation Authority Operating, Capital and Debt Service Budget totaling \$18,543,841 in both revenues and expenses.

Mr. Rawl moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Ms. Condon, and carried. Council Member Summey abstained and furnished the Clerk with a Statement, citing a conflict of interest on this agenda item.

**Brownsfields
Assessment
Funding
Application
Request to
Approve**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Christine DuRant, Director of Community Services, regarding an Environmental Agency (EPA) Brownsfields Program, which is currently accepting applications for assessment of identified sites. It was stated that the EPA defines a Brownfield as a real property whose expansion, redevelopment or reuse of may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. It was further stated that the Brownsfields program is designed to empower communities to work together to prevent, assess, and safely clean up and sustainably reuse Brownsfields

Committee recommended that Council approve the County acting as the applicant for the EPA Brownsfields program with the following conditions:

1. That the request for funding will be in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 for environmental assessment funds, and that these funds will be used for the assessment of contaminated sites, but will not be used to complete any clean up requirements.
2. That Staff will seek assistance from a local engineering firm to provide the necessary environmental information in order to submit the funding request and that there is no cost to the County for this assistance.

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

**Taxi Driver
Identification
Card Format
Request to
Approve**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Keith Bustraan, Assistant Administrator for Finance, regarding taxi driver identification cards. It was shown that the Charleston County Sheriff's Office has requested that the Revenue Collections Department take on the administration of the taxi driver identification cards. It was stated that State Law 58-223-1260 states that "a driver identification card shall be posted in the taxi and a copy furnished to the police". The Law further designates that the size and design of the said card may be designated by

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the Governing Body of the County. It was shown that Charleston County currently has no taxi drivers whose service area lies primarily in the unincorporated area of the County, but this might not always be the case, and it would be prudent to have a Council approved driver identification card design in place in the event a taxi company locates within Charleston County's jurisdiction.

Committee recommended that Council approve a design for a taxi driver identification card, in anticipation that companies may begin operation within the unincorporated portion of the County and have a primary service area in the unincorporated area of the County.

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

Mr. Summey asked the Administrator to have Staff look into standards for taxi drivers in the event unincorporated Charleston County becomes a service area.

**Folly Road at
Camp Road
Design &
Funding
Request to
Approve**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of September 30, 2010 that it considered the information furnished by Allen O'Neal, County Administrator, and Kurt Taylor, Deputy Administrator for Transportation Sales Tax, regarding the Camp Road/Folly Beach intersection improvements Project which was approved by the Sales Tax Referendum. It was stated that cost estimates for each of the project were established a decade ago, and were based only on conceptual ideas of the projects, and as the project has developed through the design and permitting process, several expensive issues have come into focus, and the total estimated project cost of the project has exceeded the initially established allocation of funds in the Sales Tax Program, with the current total estimated Folly at Camp project being \$15.4 million, and the initial estimated project cost was \$6 million, It was further stated that to fund the estimated project costs, Staff was recommending that Council temporarily shift the remaining James Island Connector Loop funds (\$6 million) pending the further development of the Mark Clark Expressway project and allocating \$3.4 million from program contingency funds.

Committee recommended that Council authorize Staff to proceed with the Folly Road at Camp Road project as currently designed, and shift the remaining funds from the James Island Connector Loop Project and program contingency funds to the Folly Road at Camp Road Intersection Project for a total sum of \$15.4 million allocated to the project, with the understanding that the final project budget will be approved by Council when the contract for construction is awarded.

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

Public Forum

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

Rev. Robert Reid stated that October was cancer awareness month and urged Council and those present to pray for cancer victims.

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

Mr. McKeown and Mr. Inabinett congratulated Mrs. Craven on having Council Chambers named in her honor.

Ms. Condon stated that she was so pleased that the proposed Intermodal Center received a \$6 million grant, which with the \$1 million from North Charleston now only required \$2 million to make it a reality.

Mr. Rawl said that he was grateful that the \$6 million grant was not called an "earmark". He thanked Kurt Taylor and the half cent sales tax transportation staff for all their hard work on Charleston Streets and roads.

Mr. O'Neal spoke about a weekly Council report which will become available to Council Members next week. It will show Members of Council the progress being made on Council project and the Districts the project are located in.

The Chairman said he was most pleased that Senator Lindsey Graham had secured the \$6 million grant for the Intermodal Center, and asked staff to work with CARTA, regarding securing the additional \$2 million needed to complete the project.

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

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of Council