

October 7, 2014
Charleston, SC

A meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 7th day of October, 2014, in the Beverly T. Craven Council Chambers, Second Floor of the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building, located at 4045 Bridge View Drive, Charleston, South Carolina.

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

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

Chairman Pryor asked for a moment of silence in memory of Sullivan's Island Mayor Mike Perkis who passed away following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Rev. Robert Reid gave the invocation. Mack Gile led in the pledge to the flag.

The Clerk of Council 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 September 23, 2014, seconded by Mr. Sass, and carried.

Chairman Pryor announced that the next item on the agenda were recognitions and resolutions. Ms. Condon moved approval of recognitions and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Rawl, and carried.

**Remembrance
of Larry
Britton**

Mr. Taylor stated that on September 12, 2014, flags at the SC State House were flown in memory of Charleston County Radio Communications Manager Larry Britton. Mr. Taylor presented the flags to Marsha Britton as a symbol of appreciation for her husband's honorable and faithful service.

**Coastal Crisis
Chaplaincy
Recognition**

Mr. Taylor recognized Rev. Rob Dewey and other chaplains with Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy and stated that Charleston County is grateful for the service provided to the citizens of Charleston County by Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy and thanked the chaplains for providing a calm, trusted "Ministry of Presence" during times of need and specifically offers its appreciation for response and support to County staff, victims' families, loved ones, and co-workers, displaced tenants, and the community in the wake of the tragic events involving Deputy Joe Matuskovic, Deputy Michael Ackerman, and Larry Britton. The following chaplains were recognized: Rob Dewey, Rich Robinson, James Peterson, Doug Farmer, John Smith, Dennis McGowan, Spike Coleman, Yossi Refson, Angela Raney, Sonya Buncum, Lydia Cotton, Gale Cooper, Sarah Craven, Bill Youngblood, and Bill Wojtokowski. Mr. Taylor presented the chaplains with a Charleston County lapel pin.

**Community
Planning
Month
Resolution**

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting under date of October 2, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Zoning and Planning Director Dan Pennick regarding a request that Council adopt a resolution proclaiming the month of October Community Planning Month in Charleston County.

Committee recommended that Council adopt a resolution proclaiming October 2014 Community Planning Month in Charleston County.

The resolution is as follows:

**A RESOLUTION
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all of Charleston County and the Tri-County Region;

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and

WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

WHEREAS, The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our settlements and environment; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of Charleston County; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of Charleston County and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Charleston County Council does hereby designate the month of October 2014 as

COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

in Charleston County in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL
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Chairman Pryor recognized Zoning and Planning Director Dan Pennick, his staff, and Charleston County Planning Commission Chair Eric Meyer. Mr. Taylor presented the resolution to Mr. Pennick. Mr. Pennick stated that he would like to recognize Charleston County Planner III Andrea Pietras who was recently elected President of the SC Chapter of the American Planning Association.

**Customer
Service Week
Resolution**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of October 2, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Public Works Customer Service Liaison Kevin Limehouse regarding a request that Council adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of October 4-10, 2014 Customer Service Week in Charleston County.

Committee recommended that Council adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of October 4 - October 10, 2014 Customer Service Week in Charleston County.

The resolution is as follows:

**A RESOLUTION
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Executive Board of the International Customer Service Association (ICSA), working with members of the Commerce Committee of the United States Congress, drafted and passed Senate Resolution 166 designating the first week of October as Customer Service Week.

WHEREAS, in 1992, the United States Congress declared customer service week as a nationally recognized annual event taking place the first week in October. President George H. W. Bush signed Presidential Proclamation 6485 on October 8, 1992 establishing the first week of October as National Customer Service Week™.

WHEREAS the celebration of National Customer Service Week is an international event devoted to recognizing the importance of customer service and to honor the people who serve and support customers each day.

WHEREAS, the significance of customer service week is the intent to raise awareness of the vital role front line employees play in organizations. Also celebrating National Customer Service Week is a great way to show our citizens how much we care and our continuing efforts to get better.

WHEREAS, Charleston County will highlight National Customer Service Week with a series of events at different county locations designed to better serve our citizens. The theme for this year's campaign is **"Say Yes to Excellence."**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Charleston County Council does hereby designate the week of October 4 -10 as

CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK

in Charleston County and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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Chairman Pryor recognized Charleston County Public Works Customer Service Liaison Kevin Limehouse. Mr. Taylor stated that one of the things he strived to do as County Administrator is put an emphasis on customer service as he recognizes that when citizens come to the County it is because they have to, not because they want to. There is no other provider for the services citizens are seeking. Ensuring that citizens walk away with a positive experience is something that is stressed as often as possible. Mr. Taylor presented the resolution to Mr. Limehouse.

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

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

The Consent Agenda as approved is as follows:

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of October 2, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and EMS Director Don Lundy regarding an appropriation received from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Services under the EMS Grant-in-Aid Program. It was stated that South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) in accordance with Section 34.8 of the part IB Provisos of the 2014-2015 Appropriations Act which states "Funds appropriated herein for Emergency Medical Services, shall be allocated for the purpose of improving and upgrading the EMS system throughout the state." The funds are allocated in accordance with the following methodology or formula, 50% of the funds appropriated will be allocated equally among the 46 counties in SC and the remaining 50% will be allocated based on the proportion of the population in each county. Charleston County's allocation for FY 2014-2015 is determined to be \$26,136.30. It was shown that EMS has approved the matching funds of 5.5% in the FY 15 budget, and there are no FTE's associated with this grant.

Committee recommended that Council:

- Accept the state appropriated funds at the allocated amount of \$26,136.30 from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) for fiscal year (FY) July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

EMS Grant-in-Aid

Request to
Accept

- Approve the expenditure of funds in accordance with Section 34.8 of the part IB Provisos of the FY 2014-2015 Appropriations Act which states “Funds appropriated herein for Emergency Medical Services, shall be allocated for the purpose of improving and upgrading the EMS system throughout the state.”
- Approve local matching funds at 5.5% of the allocated amount; with the understanding that these funds are available in EMS FY 15 Budget and no FTE’s are requested

**Housing and
Redevelopment
Authority**

Appointment (1)

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of October 2, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Deputy Clerk of Council Kristen Salisbury regarding the need to make an appointment to the Charleston County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. It was stated that Council staff was recently notified of the death of Ada Kelly, a member of the Charleston County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. Ms. Kelly held one of the two seats which are required for residents of Housing Authority properties. Housing and Redevelopment Authority staff sought applications for this seat and received an application from Julia Simmons, President of the Joseph Floyd Manor Tenants Association.

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 appoint Julia Simmons to the Charleston County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

**Hardship
Acquisition/
Palmetto
Commerce
Parkway
Phase 3**

Request to
Approve

The Chairman stated that the final item on the agenda was a hardship acquisition for the Palmetto Commerce Parkway Phase 3 Project.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of October 2, 2014, that it considered the information furnished in Executive Session by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Deputy Administrator for Transportation Development and Public Works Jim Armstrong regarding a hardship acquisition for the Palmetto Commerce Parkway Phase 3 project.

Committee recommended that Council authorize the County Attorney’s Office to execute a hardship acquisition as discussed in Executive Session in order to acquire right-of-way for the Palmetto Commerce Parkway Phase 3 project.

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

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

**Council
Member
Comments**

Mr. Qualey recognized Sheriff Cannon in the audience and thanked the Sheriff for his leadership in the aftermath of the tragic events involving his deputies at The Gardens at Ashley River apartments.

Mr. Rawl requested an update on the lawsuit filed against the property owner of Church Creek Shopping Center.

County Attorney Joe Dawson stated that the County had filed a nuisance lawsuit and that he had met with the attorneys for the property owner and hoped to have the action reduced to a consent order which would address clean-up of the property and other allegations in the lawsuit and that he hoped to have it resolved by the end of the month.

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

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of Council