

Charleston, S. C.
January 14, 2014

A special meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 14th day of January, 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; Dickie Schweers and J. Elliott Summey.

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

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.

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting under date of January 14, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor regarding a contract to operate the County-owned Material Recovery Facility. It was shown that negotiations for a short-term contract with the current vendor were unsuccessful and that Mr. Taylor, Mitch Kessler and Don Ross of Kessler Consulting, and Environmental Management Director Art Braswell had reviewed the contract negotiated by the County Attorney with Sonoco. Mr. Taylor stated that he believed the arrangement to be fair and reasonable and would protect the county, would allow the County to get the MRF in better operating order quickly and would serve as a platform for the County to negotiate the path forward for building and operating a new MRF without foreclosing opportunities to work with one or more of the many emerging technologies for waste disposal, waste-to-energy conversion, or other systems which are under development.

**MRF
Contract**

Committee recommended that Council authorize staff to enter into a contract with Sonoco to operate the current MRF under a two-phased term, the first term being approximately eighteen months. Staff will continue to work towards siting and designing a new MRF, with assistance from Sonoco, KCI, and other consultants as necessary or helpful. Staff will also follow through with the earlier motion to bring back to Council formal evaluation of emerging technologies in waste disposal which may be incorporated into the County's plans at Council's direction. It is understood that both the Environmental Management Program and new MRF facility will be planned and designed to be adaptable to accommodate emerging technologies in the future.

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

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

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of Council