

Charleston, S. C.
June 4, 2013

A regular meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 4th day of June, 2013, 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; Anna Johnson; Joseph K. Qualey; A. Victor Rawl; Herbert R. Sass, III; and Dickie Schweers. Council Member Henry E. Darby; was ill and unable to be present. Council Member J. Elliott Summey was out of town and absent.

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

Rev. Robert Reid gave the invocation and Deputy Administrator for Finance, Keith Bustraan, led in the pledge to the flag.

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

Mr. Sass moved approval of the minutes of the May 21, 2013 County Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and carried.

The Chairman requested Jim Neal, Director of Public Works and County Administrator. Kurt Taylor to come forward with Matthew Bishop, Marvin Green and Kevin Brown for much earned bragging rights among their peers. It was stated that at the South Carolina Chapter of the American Public Works Association's Regional Backhoe Rodeo on May 23. Matthew Bishop of Adams Run took first place, with Marvin Green of Awendaw placing second and Kevin Brown of Ladson coming in third and as the regional winner, Bishop will next compete in the South Carolina State Backhoe Rodeo Competition in Myrtle Beach on Aug. 4.

Mr. Pryor moved approval of a Resolution declaring the week of June 23-29, 2013 as Mosquito Control Awareness Week, seconded by Ms. Condon and carried.

The Chairman requested the Clerk of Council to read the Resolution into the record.

The Resolution is as follows:



**Recognitions
and Resolution**
**A) Backhoe
Rodeo
Champions**
**B) Mosquito
Control
Awareness
Week**

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**A RESOLUTION
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, mosquito-borne diseases such as Malaria, Yellow Fever, Encephalitis, Dengue Fever, and Dog Heartworm, have historically been a source of human and animal suffering, illness, and even death in the United States and worldwide; **and**

WHEREAS, mosquitoes in excessive numbers can diminish enjoyment of the outdoors, public parks and playgrounds, impede outdoor work, decrease livestock productivity, and reduce property values; **and**

WHEREAS, mosquitoes can disperse or be transported long distances from their source and can be a public nuisance and health risk throughout the United States and worldwide; **and**

WHEREAS, since 1900, mosquito control professionals in the United States have recognized the need to develop and encourage effective and environmentally safe mosquito control activities in order to protect the health and welfare of the public, the environment and wildlife; **and**

WHEREAS, the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA) was established on June 26, 1935, to provide a nationally organized network to help mosquito control professionals pursue these goals; **and**

WHEREAS, the AMCA continues to be an active partner in the Pesticide Environment Stewardship Program, working closely with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services to reduce pesticide risk to humans, animals, and the environment while protecting them from mosquito-borne diseases and nuisance attacks; **and**

WHEREAS, Mosquito Control Awareness Week will increase the public's awareness of the activities of the various mosquito research and control agencies within the United States and highlight the educational programs currently available,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that **Charleston County Council**, does hereby proclaim the week of **June 23-29, 2013**, as

MOSQUITO CONTROL AWARENESS WEEK

in Charleston County, and calls upon citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our mosquito control and to recognize the contributions which mosquito control employees make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman
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**PRC Budget
Approval/
Ordinance 1st
Reading**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of June 4, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by Kurt Taylor, County Administrator, and Mack Gile, Budget Officer, regarding an Ordinance for the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission for fiscal year 2014.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Cooper River Park and Playground Commission Ordinance.

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

An Ordinance approving the budget for the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission was given first reading by title only

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE BUDGET AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF CHARLESTON COUNTY TO LEVY THE NECESSARY MILLAGE AND THE TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES FOR THE CHARLESTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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

**FY 2014
Cooper River
Park & Play-
ground
Ordinance
1st Reading**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of June 4, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by Kurt Taylor, County Administrator, and Mack Gile, Budget Officer, regarding an Ordinance for the Cooper River Park and Playground Commission for fiscal year 2014.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Cooper River Park and Recreation Commission Ordinance.

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

An Ordinance approving the budget for the Cooper River Park and Playground Commission was given first reading by title only

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE BUDGET AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF CHARLESTON COUNTY TO LEVY THE NECESSARY MILLAGE AND THE TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES FOR THE COOPER RIVER PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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**FY 2014
James Island
PSD
Ordinance
1st Reading**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of June 4, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by Kurt Taylor, County Administrator, and Mack Gile, Budget Officer, regarding an Ordinance for the James Island Public Service District for fiscal year 2014.

Committee recommended that Council approve the James Island Public Service District Ordinance.

Mr. Rawl moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Ms. Condon, and carried. Messrs. Qualey, Sass and Schweers voted nay.

An Ordinance approving the budget for the James Island Public Service District was given first reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE BUDGET AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF CHARLESTON COUNTY TO LEVY THE NECESSARY MILLAGE AND THE TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES FOR THE JAMES ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.

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**North
Charleston
District
Ordinance 1st
Reading**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of June 4, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by Kurt Taylor, County Administrator, and Mack Gile, Budget Officer, regarding an Ordinance for the North Charleston Public Service District for fiscal year 2014.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Ordinance for the North Charleston Public Service District.

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

An Ordinance approving the budget for the North Charleston Public Service District was given first reading by title only

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE BUDGET AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF CHARLESTON COUNTY TO LEVY THE NECESSARY MILLAGE AND THE TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES FOR THE North Charleston PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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

**FY 2014 St.
Andrews
Park &
Playground
Ordinance 1st
Reading**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of June 4, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by Kurt Taylor, County Administrator, and Mack

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Gile, Budget Officer, regarding an Ordinance for the Saint Andrews Park & Playground for fiscal year 2014.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Saint Andrews Park & Playground Commission Ordinance.

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

An Ordinance approving the budget for the St. Andrews Parish Park and Playground Commission was given first reading by title only

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE BUDGET AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF CHARLESTON COUNTY TO LEVY THE NECESSARY MILLAGE AND THE TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES FOR THE ST. ANDREW'S PARISH PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000.

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

St. John's Fire District Ordinance 1st Reading

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of June 4, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by Kurt Taylor, County Administrator, and Mack Gile, Budget Officer, regarding an Ordinance for the Saint John's Fire District for fiscal year 2014.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Saint John's Fire District Ordinance.

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

An Ordinance approving the budget for the Saint John's Fire District was given first reading by title only

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE BUDGET AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF CHARLESTON COUNTY TO LEVY THE NECESSARY MILLAGE AND THE TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES FOR THE SAINT JOHN'S FIRE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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

St. Paul's Fire District Ordinance 1st Reading

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of June 4, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by Kurt Taylor, County Administrator, and Mack

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Gile, Budget Officer, regarding an Ordinance for the Saint Paul's Fire District for fiscal year 2014.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Saint Paul's Fire District Ordinance.

Ms. Johnson moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Ms. Condon, and carried. Messrs. Qualey, Sass and Schweers voted nay.

An Ordinance approving the budget for the Saint Paul's Fire District was given first reading by title only

AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE BUDGET AND DIRECTING THE AUDITOR OF CHARLESTON COUNTY TO LEVY THE NECESSARY MILLAGE AND THE TREASURER TO COLLECT TAXES FOR THE SAINT PAUL'S FIRE DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

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

FY 2014 Plans
A)
Environmental
Management
Capital
Improvement
B) TST
Comprehensive
Plan of
Expenditures

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of May 23, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator, Kurt Taylor, and Deputy Administrator for Finance, Keith Bustraan, regarding a request to approve the Environmental Management Capital Improvement and the Transportation Sales Tax Comprehensive Plan of Expenditures.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Environmental Management Capital Improvement Plan and the TST Comprehensive Plan of Expenditures.

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

An Ordinance establishing and making appropriations from the Transportation Sales Tax Budget for FY 2014, was given second reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

TO ESTABLISH AND MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR PROJECTS AND PURPOSES PERMITTED BY LAW, TO PROVIDE FOR BUDGET CONTROL OF SAID APPROPRIATIONS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

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

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

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Condon	- aye
Darby	- aye
Johnson	- aye
Qualey	- aye
Rawl	- aye
Sass	- aye
Schweers	- aye
Summey	- aye
Pryor	- aye

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

An Ordinance relating to the imposition of Annual Solid Waste and Disposal fees was given first reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF ANNUAL SOLID WASTE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FEES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING; PROVIDING FOR CLASSIFICATIONS OF REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO ANNUAL SOLID WASTE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FEES; AND ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL SOLID WASTE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FEES.

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

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

Condon	- aye
Darby	- aye
Johnson	- aye
Qualey	- aye
Rawl	- aye
Sass	- aye
Schweers	- aye
Summey	- aye
Pryor	- aye

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

An Ordinance making appropriations from the General Fund and Other Funds of Charleston County was given second reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES OF

CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS FISCAL YEAR 2014; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER FUNDS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR SUCH PURPOSES; AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY, INCLUDING THE AWENDAW CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT, EAST COOPER FIRE DISTRICT, NORTHERN CHARLESTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT, WEST ST. ANDREW'S FIRE DISTRICT, AND TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014; PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATIONS FROM SUCH SPECIAL FUNDS CREATED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE AWENDAW CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT, EAST COOPER FIRE DISTRICT, NORTHERN CHARLESTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT, WEST ST. ANDREW'S FIRE DISTRICT, AND TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN ORDER TO SUPPLY THE NECESSARY FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITS; PROVIDING FOR BUDGET CONTROL OF THE APPROPRIATIONS BY THE CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$25,000,000 FOR CHARLESTON COUNTY AND UP TO \$400,000 FOR THE AWENDAW CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT.

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

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

Condon	- aye
Darby	- aye
Johnson	- aye
Qualey	- aye
Rawl	- aye
Sass	- aye
Schweers	- aye
Summey	- aye
Pryor	- aye

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

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

**Consent
Agenda**

A) Gaillard

Auditorium

Gravesite

Recovery

B) SC Forestry

Commission

Grant Funding

Ms. Condon moved approval of Committee recommendations, seconded by Ms. Johnson.

The Consent Agenda is as follows

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A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of June 4, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten regarding the graves of thirty-seven individuals discovered at the Gaillard Auditorium construction site in downtown Charleston in February, 2013. It was stated that the graves are believed to date to the 1720s or 1730s and the City of Charleston's Forensic Archeologist and the Charleston County Coroner's Office Forensic Anthropologist are working together to forensically analyze all of the remains. It was further stated that the Charleston County Coroner's Office, and in particular the services and expertise of the Forensic Anthropologist employed by the Coroner's Office, has been requested by the City of Charleston to conduct forensic analysis and research on the thirty-seven recovered remains to include demographic data, social data and health data, with the City of Charleston agreeing to cover all of the associated expenses incurred by the Coroner's Forensic Anthropologist to include time and supplies. In addition the City of Charleston has asked that the Forensic Anthropologist's preliminary report be complete by August 31, 2013 however we would request that reimbursements be accepted until December 31, 2013 should they request additional services after receiving the preliminary report and these expenses are anticipated to total approximately \$15,000.00.

Committee recommended that Council authorize the Coroner's Office to accept approximately \$15,000.00 in reimbursement funds from the City of Charleston for expenses incurred by its Forensic Anthropologist in conducting forensic analyses until December 31, 2013 for the thirty-seven sets of remains recovered from the Gaillard Auditorium construction site, with the understanding that there are no FTEs, matching funds, re-occurring costs, or any ongoing commitment for the County associated with this request.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of That it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Emergency Management Director Jason R. Patno regarding the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District request to accept \$5,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant funding from the South Carolina Forestry Commission under the USDA Forest Service's National Fire Plan (NFP) Program. It was stated that the intent of the VFA/NFP Program is to assist rural volunteer fire departments in purchasing wild land firefighting equipment to use against wild land fires that threaten the rural developments and communities they serve. It was further stated that the grant funds will be used to reimburse the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District for 1) a Ford F550 service/utility truck, 2) a skid unit with a 250 gallon holding tank, 3) and a 150 GPM pump. If approved, the grant funding will be used to offset the costs that have already been incurred for these items.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Awendaw Consolidated Fire District's request to receive funding in the amount of \$5,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grant funding from the South Carolina Forestry Commission under the USDA Forest Service's National Fire Plan (NFP) Program. with the understanding that Matching funds are not required; that there are no FTE's or PTE's associated with the receipt of the above referenced funds and the grant performance period is April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

**Greenbelt
Projects
A) North
Charleston
O'Hear Ave.
Urban
Fairfield
Plantation
Rural**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of May 30, 21013 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Greenbelts Program Director Cathy Ruff regarding the urban greenbelt project listed

below which has been reviewed by the Urban Grants Review Committee and the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC).

The CCPRC is recommending approval of the following project.

Applicant	Project Name	Project Type	Acres	Funding
North Charleston	4286 O' Hear Avenue	Fee Simple	.14	\$29,200

It was stated that the City of North Charleston is requesting a portion of their urban greenbelt funds to purchase this .14 acre parcel located on O' Hear Avenue near Noisette Creek. It was shown that two vacant buildings currently exist on the property; and the City plans to demolish the structures soon after acquisition to combine this property with adjacent Greenbelt properties to provide residents' access to Noisette Creek and its marsh. It was further shown that the City of North Charleston currently has \$2.53 million remaining of their urban greenbelt funds allocation and the Urban Grants Review Committee unanimously approved the 4286 O' Hear project at their May 2, 2013 meeting.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Approve funding for the urban greenbelt project, 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 \$29,200 to be funded from a combination of Greenbelt Operating Contingency and/or 2011 General Obligation Bonds.

Ms. Johnson requested that these items be voted on separately. The request was granted.

Mr. Rawl moved approval of the Urban Greenbelt Project, seconded by Mr. Sass, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman called for a vote on the Rural Greenbelt Project. Mr. Rawl moved approval, seconded by Mr. Sass and carried. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Pryor voted nay.

**FY 2014
Annual
Allocation
Projects
IOP Connector
Widening &
Rifle Range
Intersection
Ashley River
Bridge Retrofit
SC 61 @SC7
Intersection
James Island
Connector
Calhoun Street
at Courtenay
Drive.**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of May 30, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Assistant Administrator for Transportation Development and Public Works Jim Armstrong regarding utilization of the approved Objective Evaluation and Prioritization process to create a prioritized list of projects to be funded by FY 2014 Annual Allocation funds from the Transportation Sales Tax. The list includes carryover projects and new requests within each Allocation Category. It was stated that Council is requested to approve the prioritized lists and the resulting recommendation within each category so that staff may continue the development of the requested projects. It was shown that staff is managing four large allocation projects which currently have a significant funding shortfall. They are:

Project	Estimate (\$ mil)	Shortfall (\$ mil)
IOP Connector Widening & Rifle Range Intersection Improvement	\$3.07	\$2.59
Ashley River Bridge Retrofit	\$2.00	\$1.07
SC 61 @ SC 7 Intersection	\$7.11	\$3.34
James Island Connector / Calhoun St. at Courtenay Dr.	\$3.76	\$2.56
Total Shortfall:		\$9.56

It was further shown that, using the historic approved funding levels per category for allocation projects, it would take at least five years to secure enough funding to construct these projects with the cost to construct escalating over time, and in an effort to expedite their completion, staff is requesting approval to expend bond funds now and reimburse these bond funds with allocation funding as it becomes available over the next several fiscal years. This also will assist in meeting the obligation to expend a required percentage of bond funds within the specified period of time.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Approve the list of prioritized projects which were developed through the use of the Objective Evaluation and Prioritization Process, to be funded by the Annual Allocation funds of the Transportation Sales Tax for Fiscal Year 2014.
2. Approve expending bond funds to complete the projects in the attached table with reimbursement to come from allocation funds. It is anticipated that the bond funds will be reimbursed within five years based on historic allocation funding levels.

Mr. Rawl moved approval of the projects, seconded by Mr. Sass.

A request to vote on the projects separately was made and approved.

The Chairman called for a vote on the IOP Connector Widening & Rifle Range Intersection Improvement. The vote was unanimously in favor. Council Members Darby and Summey were absent

A vote on the Ashley River Bridge Retrofit was called and carried. Mr. Sass and Mr. Rawl voted nay. Messer Darby and Summey were absent.

A vote of approval on the SC 61 @ SC 7 Intersection carried unanimously. Council Members Darby and Summey were absent.

The fourth Project, the James Island Connector / Calhoun Street at Courtenay Drive was voted on and carried unanimously. Messer Darby and Summey were absent.

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of May 30, 2013 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and County Council Chairman Teddie Pryor regarding a request to amend the Ordinance dealing

with Charleston County Bar Time Closing. It was stated that this request was being made so that Charleston County's Ordinance would be in conformity with Municipal Ordinances in Charleston County.

Committee recommended that Council approve and give first reading to an Ordinance amending Charleston County's Bar Closing Ordinance.

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

An Ordinance amending Charleston County's Bar Closing Ordinance was given first reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 13-3 OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ALLOWING ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, WINE OR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00 AM AND 6:00 AM.

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

Council Comments

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

Mr. Schweers said that this is his 7th budget and the best we have had during this time, and thanked Staff. He said he did not understand why it was necessary now to increase millage when the financial picture has been so bleak in the past.

Mr. Schweers asked "Why in an expanding economy, it was necessary for Council to increase millage?"

Ms. Johnson thanked Staff for their hard work on the budget

Ms. Condon stated that she thinks "Tax Payers" will appreciate their tax bills being lower.

Mr. Sass stated:

For the record. The four projects, Isle of Palms and especially the Ashley River Bridge, I think these are good projects. The Ashley River Bridge project, I have objections too and have deep concerns about because of the amount of money we are spending. I got a number of phone calls today about it. All but one of them was not in favor of it. What I'm concerned about is we know that it is feasible to do this but the Highway department can come back later and tell us that it's not feasible anymore.

I'm even more concerned if I read this information I got correctly today, that the morning drive on the bridge now is a level of service C and when we go down to 3 lanes, it will be a D, if I'm reading that right, Mr. Thigpen? Ms. Turner? That does concern me. I think what is going to happen is I think the public hasn't paid attention to this. I think as soon as they see those cones out there on the bridge, there is going to be a huge cry and not

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only that taking 18 months to do this project concerns me. I'd like to find a different way to do it. I know it's been looked at but I'm just not in favor of it, and that's why I just want to go on record.

County Administrator Kurt Taylor thanked Council for approving the budgets and introduced his parents Laura and Guy Taylor who were in the audience.

The Chairman said that he felt Council owed it to the Citizens to provide the services that they need.

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

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of Council