

August 26, 2014
Charleston, SC

A meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 26th day of August, 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.

Rev. Gary McJunkin gave the invocation and Assistant County Attorney Austin Bruner 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.

Ms. Condon moved approval of the minutes of July 29, 2014, seconded by Mr. Rawl, and carried.

The Chairman recognized Charleston County Public Works Operator Matthew Bishop, the South Carolina American Public Works Association (APWA) Backhoe Rodeo champion. Bishop won the title at the annual APWA South Carolina Chapter event held in Greenville, SC. This marks the first ever win for Charleston County in the state competition. Matthew Bishop has been with Charleston County for five years and is one of 45 equipment operators on staff with Public Works.

An Ordinance amending Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations was given third reading.

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY ZONING AND LAND
DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, NUMBER 1202, AS
AMENDED: CHAPTER 6, USE REGULATIONS; CHAPTER 9, DEVELOPMENT
STANDARDS; AND CHAPTER 12, DEFINITIONS.**

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, Section 6-29-310 et seq., of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, authorizes the County of Charleston to enact or amend its zoning and land development regulations to guide development in accordance with existing and future needs and in order to protect, promote and improve the public health, safety, and general welfare; and

Backhoe
Rodeo
Recognition

ZLDR Text
Amendments

Ordinance 3rd
Reading

WHEREAS, the Charleston County Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed amendments of the text of various chapters of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR) in accordance with the procedures established in South Carolina law and the ZLDR and has recommended that the Charleston County Council (County Council) adopt the proposed amendments of the text of the ZLDR as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, County Council held at least one public hearing, and after close of the public hearing, County Council approved the proposed text amendments based on the Approval Criteria of Section 3.3.6 of Article 3.3 of the ZLDR; and

WHEREAS, County Council has determined the proposed text amendments meet the following criteria:

- A. The proposed amendment corrects an error or inconsistency or meets the challenge of a changing condition; and
- B. The proposed amendment is consistent with the adopted Charleston County Comprehensive Plan and goals as stated in Article 1.5; and
- C. The proposed amendment is to further the public welfare in any other regard specified by County Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, be ordained it by the Charleston County Council of Charleston, in meeting duly assembled, as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. AMENDMENTS OF THE TEXT OF THE ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE

The Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance is hereby amended to include the text amendments attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part of this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

If, for any reason, any part of this Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following third reading by County Council.

ADOPTED and APPROVED in meeting duly assembled this 26th day of August, 2014.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk to Charleston County Council

First Reading: June 17, 2014
Second Reading July 29, 2014
Third Reading: August 26, 2014

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on third reading. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- absent at time of voting
Ms. Johnson	- aye
Mr. Qualey	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Sass	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being eight (8) ayes, one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the ordinance to have received third reading approval.

An Ordinance rezoning real property was given third reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE

Rezoning 1860
Belgrade
Avenue

Ordinance
3rd Reading

REZONING THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1860 BELGRADE AVENUE, PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 351-14-00-040, FROM THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 4 (R-4) DISTRICT TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the property identified as parcel identification number 351-14-00-040 is currently zoned Single Family Residential 4 (R-4) District; and

WHEREAS, the current owner or agent thereof requests a rezoning of the property, and a complete application for rezoning the property was submitted to the Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department requesting, among

other things, that the parcel be rezoned from the Single Family Residential 4 (R-4) District, pursuant to Article 3.4 of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR); and

WHEREAS, the Charleston County Planning Commission reviewed the application for rezoning and adopted a resolution by majority vote of the entire membership recommending that Charleston County Council (County Council) approve the application for rezoning based on the procedures established in South Carolina law and the Approval Criteria of Article 3.4 of the ZLDR; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the County Council held at least one public hearing and after close of the public hearing, the County Council determined the rezoning meets the following criteria of Section 3.4.6 of Article 3.4 of the ZLDR:

- A. The proposed amendment is consistent with the *Comprehensive Plan* and the stated purposes of this Ordinance;
- B. The proposed amendment will allow development that is compatible with existing uses, recommended density, established dimensional standards, and zoning of nearby properties that will benefit the public good while avoiding an arbitrary change that primarily benefits a singular or solitary interest;
- C. The proposed amendment corrects a zoning map error or inconsistency;
- D. The proposed amendment addresses events, trends, or facts that have significantly changed the character or condition of an area.

NOW, THEREFORE, be ordained it by the Charleston County Council, in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. REZONING OF PROPERTY

The property identified as parcel identification number 351-14-00-040 is hereby rezoned from the Single Family Residential 4 (R-4) District to the Community Commercial (CC) District. The zoning map of Charleston County is hereby amended to conform to this change. Any development on the site must conform to all requirements of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance and any and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

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SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

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CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of Council

First Reading: June 17, 2014
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The Chairman called for a roll call vote on third reading. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- absent at time of voting
Ms. Johnson	- aye
Mr. Qualey	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Sass	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being eight (8) ayes, one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the ordinance to have received third reading approval.

An Ordinance rezoning the Planned Development of The Gift Plantation was given third reading.

AN ORDINANCE

REZONING THE GIFT PLANTATION PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD-78).

WHEREAS, the properties located at 3900-3999 Willow Pointe Lane, 4130-4230 Cobble Trot Way, 3801-3939 Thorn Chase Lane, and 4500-4540 Stable Trot Circle, identified as Tax Map Parcel Numbers 249-00-00-026, 249-00-00-057 through 249-00-00-071, 249-02-00-066 through 249-02-00-070, 249-02-00-072 through 249-02-00-077, and 249-02-00-079, are currently zoned Gift Plantation Planned Development Zoning District (PD-78); and

WHEREAS, the applicant requests the parcels be rezoned to Gift Plantation Planned Development Zoning District (PD-78A) to clarify primary and accessory uses for the properties in the Planned Development on the west side of Chisolm Road and incorporate the Gift Plantation wetlands within the Planned Development Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the applicant submitted a complete application for PD Development Plan approval pursuant to Article 4.23 of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR); and

WHEREAS, the Charleston County Planning Commission reviewed the proposed PD Development Plan and adopted a resolution, by majority vote of the entire membership recommending that County Council approve with conditions the proposed development plan based on the Approval Criteria of Section 4.23.9.E.9 of the ZLDR; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Charleston County Council ("County Council") held at least one public hearing and after close of the public hearing, County Council approved with conditions the proposed PD Development Plan based on the Approval Criteria of Section 4.23.9.E.9 of Article 4.23 of the ZLDR;

WHEREAS, County Council determined the PD Development Plan meets the following criteria:

- A. The PD Development Plan complies with the standards contained in Article 4.23 of the ZLDR;
- B. The development is consistent with the intent of the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan and other adopted policy documents; and
- C. The County and other agencies will be able to provide necessary public services, facilities, and programs to serve the development proposed, at the time the property is developed.

NOW, THEREFORE, be ordained it by Charleston County Council, in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. REZONING OF PROPERTIES

A. Charleston County Council rezones the properties located at 3900-3999 Willow Pointe Lane, 4130-4230 Cobble Trot Way; 3801-3939 Thorn Chase Lane; and 4500-4540 Stable Trot Circle, identified as Tax Map Parcel Numbers 249-00-00-026, 249-00-00-057 through 249-00-00-071; 249-02-00-066 through 249-02-00-070; 249-02-00-072 through 249-02-00-077; and 249-02-00-079, from the Gift Plantation Planned Development Zoning District (PD-78) to Gift Plantation Planned Development Zoning District (PD-78A); and

B. The PD Development Plan submitted by the applicant and identified as the "Development Guidelines for Gift Plantation Planned Development District (PD-78A)" dated April 16, 2014, including the changes that are attached thereto as Exhibit "A" and made part of this Ordinance by reference, approved by County Council as Planned Development 78A or PD-78A, is incorporated herein by reference, and shall constitute the PD Development Plan for the parcels identified above; and

C. Any and all development of PD-78A must comply with the PD Development Plan, ZLDR, and all other applicable ordinances, rules, regulations, and laws; and

D. The zoning map for Tax Map Parcel Numbers 249-00-00-026; 249-00-00-057 through 249-00-00-071; 249-02-00-066 through 249-02-00-070; 249-02-00-072 through 249-02-00-077; and 249-02-00-079, is amended to PD-78A in accordance with Section 4.23.10 of Article 4.23 of the ZLDR.

SECTION III. SEVERABILITY

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SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

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CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of County Council

First Reading: June 17, 2014
Second Reading: July 29, 2014
Third Reading: August 26, 2014

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on third reading. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- absent at time of voting
Ms. Johnson	- aye
Mr. Qualey	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Sass	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being eight (8) ayes, one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the ordinance to have received third reading approval.

An Ordinance rezoning real property at 9 Lemoyne Lane was given third reading by title only

AN ORDINANCE

REZONING THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9 LEMOYNE LANE FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL 4 (R-4) ZONING DISTRICT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT (PD-150 CASSIQUE CLUBHOUSE VILLAGE).

WHEREAS, the property located at 9 LeMoyne, identified as Tax Map Parcel Number 205-00-00-012, is currently zoned Single Family Residential 4 (R-4) Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the applicant requests the parcel be rezoned to Cassique Clubhouse Village Planned Development Zoning District (PD-150) to allow for the creation of a residential neighborhood organized by clusters of home sites within parkland that provide internal garden courtyards; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has submitted a complete application for PD Development Plan approval pursuant to Article 4.23 of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR); and

Cassique
Clubhouse
Village PD

Ordinance
3rd Reading

WHEREAS, the Charleston County Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed PD Development Plan and adopted a resolution, by majority vote of the entire membership, and recommended that Charleston County Council (County Council) approve with conditions the proposed development plan based on the Approval Criteria of Section 4.23.9.E.9 of the ZLDR; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Commission, County Council held at least one public hearing and after close of the public hearing, County Council approved with conditions the proposed PD Development Plan based on the Approval Criteria of Section 4.23.9.E.9 of Article 4.23 of the ZLDR; and

WHEREAS, County Council has determined the PD Development Plan meets the following criteria:

- A. The PD Development Plan complies with the standards contained in Article 4.23 of the ZLDR;
- B. The development is consistent with the intent of the Charleston County Comprehensive Plan and other adopted policy documents; and
- C. The County and other agencies will be able to provide necessary public services, facilities, and programs to serve the development proposed, at the time the property is developed.

NOW, THEREFORE, be ordained it by Charleston County Council, in meeting duly assembled, finds as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS INCORPORATED

The above recitals and findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Ordinance.

SECTION II. REZONING OF PROPERTIES

A. Charleston County Council rezones the property located at 9 LeMoyne Lane, identified as Tax Map Parcel Numbers 205-00-00-012, from Single Family Residential 4 (R-4) Zoning District to Cassique Clubhouse Village Planned Development Zoning District (PD-150); and

B. The PD Development Plan submitted by the applicant and identified as the "Cassique Clubhouse Village, Charleston County, South Carolina, Planned Development Zoning District Application [PD-150]" dated April 2014, including the changes are attached thereto as Exhibit "A" and made part of this Ordinance by reference, duly approved by County Council as Planned

Development 150 or PD-150, is incorporated herein by reference and shall constitute the PD Development Plan for the parcel identified above; and

C. Any and all development of PD-150 must comply with the PD Development Plan, ZLDR, and any and all other applicable ordinances, rules, regulations, and laws; and

D. The zoning map for Tax Map Parcel Number 205-00-00-012 is amended to PD-150 in accordance with Section 4.23.10 of Article 4.23 of the ZLDR.

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CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr.
Chairman of County Council

ATTEST:

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of Charleston County Council

First Reading: June 17, 2014
Second Reading: July 29, 2014
Third Reading: August 26, 2014

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on third reading. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- absent at time of voting
Ms. Johnson	- aye
Mr. Qualey	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Sass	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye

Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being eight (8) ayes, one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the ordinance to have received third reading approval.

An Ordinance regarding financial incentives extended to Torqtek Design and Manufacturing, LLC, was given second reading by title only.

Torqtek
Financial
Incentives

Ordinance
2nd Reading

AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TORQTEK DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING, LLC, WHEREBY CHARLESTON COUNTY WILL ENTER INTO A FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES ARRANGEMENT WITH TORQTEK DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING, LLC; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT BY TORQTEK DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING, LLC OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE OR INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF TAXES PAID BY TORQTEK DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING, LLC, UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTICOUNTY INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS PARK AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING 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 roll call vote on second reading of the proposed Ordinance. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- absent at time of voting
Ms. Johnson	- aye
Mr. Qualey	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Sass	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being eight (8) ayes, one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the ordinance to have received second reading approval.

An Ordinance amending the Multi-County Park Ordinance Amendments was given second reading by title only

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK, BY AND BETWEEN CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND COLLETON COUNTY,

Multi-County
Park
Amendments

Ordinance
2nd Reading

SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN CHARLESTON COUNTY AS PART OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK.

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 roll call vote on second reading of the proposed Ordinance. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- absent at time of voting
Ms. Johnson	- aye
Mr. Qualey	- aye
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Sass	- aye
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being eight (8) ayes, one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the ordinance to have received second reading approval.

Project Open
House
Recommendation

A report was read from the Economic Development Committee under date of August 21, 2014, that it considered the information furnished in Executive Session by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Economic Development Director Steve Dykes regarding an Economic Development prospect working under the code name *Project Open House*.

Committee recommended that Council direct staff to work with the Economic Development prospect working under the code name *Project Open House* and return to the Economic Development Committee for consideration of financial incentives.

Mr. Summey presented a resolution regarding this item which was distributed to the Members of Council and move approval of the adoption of the resolution. Chairman Pryor seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

Mr. Rawl said he felt that the resolution was unnecessary and that the Committee recommendation accomplished the wishes of Council.

Mr. Schweers stated that he agreed with Mr. Rawl. He stated that he felt the resolution took the Committee recommendation a step further and while he supported the investigation of the potential for *Project Open House*, he did not want to commit Council any further.

Mr. Summey withdrew his motion for the resolution and moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Mr. Schweers.

Mr. Rawl called for the question.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion. The roll was called and votes recorded as follows:

Ms. Condon	- aye
Mr. Darby	- absent at time of voting
Ms. Johnson	- aye
Mr. Qualey	- nay
Mr. Rawl	- aye
Mr. Sass	- nay
Mr. Schweers	- aye
Mr. Summey	- aye
Mr. Pryor	- aye

The vote being six (6) ayes, two (2) nays and one (1) absent, the Chairman declared the motion to have carried.

995 Morrison Drive
Recommendation

A report was read from the Economic Development Committee that it considered the information furnished in Executive Session by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Deputy Administrator for General Services Walt Smalls regarding County-owned property located at 995 Morrison Drive.

Committee recommended that Council direct staff to develop a Master Plan and Marketing Plan for the possible sale and/or development of 995 Morrison Drive and present the plans to the Economic Development Committee for approval.

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

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

Ms. Condon moved approval of the Consent Agenda, items A thru K. This motion was seconded by Ms. Johnson, and carried.

The approved Consent Agenda is as follows:

**Code
Enforcement
Officer**

**Request to
Commission**

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Deputy County Attorney Bernard E. Ferrara, Jr., regarding the need to commission a new Code Enforcement Officer for the Public Works Department. It was stated that in 1994, Charleston County Council adopted an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a uniform ordinance summons, which is used to enforce any County ordinance. The uniform ordinance summons is enforced by code enforcement officers commissioned by County Council. The commissions are on an annual basis and subject to renewal or rescission every year, and officers are commissioned as needed or when necessary.

Committee recommended that Council commission Stephen D. Barnes of the Charleston County Public Works Department as a code enforcement officer for Charleston County effective immediately through December 31, 2014.

**FY 2014
PSGP/
Consolidated
Dispatch**

**Request to
Approve**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Consolidated 9-1-1 Center Director Jim Lake regarding the need to accept a FY 2014 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). It was stated that on May 23, 2014, Charleston County Consolidated 9-1-1 Center submitted a grant application under the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA FY 2014 PSGP. This grant project supports recommendations outlined in the Port-wide Strategic Risk Management Technology Roadmap and will extend current PSGP grant funding for nine (9) Metro-E circuits (currently funded until June 30, 2015) through August 2016.

It was shown that this project will increase public safety information systems and secure data sharing for Emergency Responders through the application and promotion of public safety interoperability to enable emergency responders and other Local, State, and Federal Port Partner public safety agencies from different jurisdictions and disciplines to share secure systems and sensor information.

- This funding will sustain nine (9) interagency Metro-E network connections between the Consolidated 9-1-1 Center and seven other public safety agencies, which were deployed under the FY 2008 and FY 2009 PSGPs—both of which were awarded in 2011.
- This funding will enhance security through increased cyber security mitigation by applying system-wide AES 256 encryption of all interagency commercially provided Metro-E connections.
- This funding will also sustain maintenance of the existing ESRI ArcGIS and ArcSDI servers and expand their capacity by increasing the ESRI server CPU licenses.

It was stated that this project will utilize and expand existing wireless, sensor, surveillance, and data infrastructures in the Charleston port community. The total project value of this grant request is \$271,515, with FY 2014 PSGP grants funds requested in the amount of \$203,636 and a non-federal in-kind match equal to \$67,879.

It was shown that the Charleston County Consolidated Dispatch Board unanimously voted to support these grant applications which are consistent with the Board's goals to enhance information sharing and situational awareness.

Committee recommended that Council authorize FY 2014 Port Security Grant Program grant application in the amount of \$203,636, with the understanding that the required 25% in-kind match of \$67,879 will be made up of technology and equipment costs from the Consolidated 9-1-1 Center. There are no FTEs associated with this request. Should future FY PSGP grant funding requests for continuing sustainment not be awarded, the County would need to assume recurring costs of two (2) Metro-E circuits that support the Consolidated 9-1-1 Center operations. These circuits currently cost \$978 each per month and will be funded through August, 2016 with this grant award (currently PSGP funded through June 2015).

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Budget Director Mack Gile regarding the FY 2015 CARTA budget. It was stated that State Regional Transportation Authority Law requires the Charleston Area Regional

**FY 2015
CARTA
Budget**

**Request to
Approve**

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. It was shown that at their July 16, 2014, meeting, the CARTA board approved the CARTA DRAFT Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Budget and submitted it to each member jurisdiction for approval. It was shown that the total requested FY2015 budget is \$28,229,036. This is a \$7,694,999 increase from their FY2014 approved budget which reflects the Intermodal construction project. CARTA's FY2015 budget includes \$7,643,000 for operating in Transportation Sales Tax funding which was previously approved by County Council as part of the County's FY2015 budget.

Committee recommended that Council approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority Operating, Capital and Debt Service budget totaling \$28,229,036 in both revenues and expenses.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Economic Development Director Steve Dykes regarding a set aside grant received from the SC Coordinating Council for Economic Development for use by New Orleans Cold Storage and Warehouse Company in support of their \$15.6 million expansion of their North Charleston facility. It was shown that on May 29, 2014, NOCS officials announced from New Orleans that they intended to move ahead on the expansion in North Charleston which will create 27 new jobs. It was stated that as part of the recruitment package, the State of South Carolina committed to provide a \$250,000 Set-Aside grant to help offset site development expenses associated with the expansion, and on June 5, 2014, the S.C. Coordinating Council for Economic Development (SCCED) awarded the Se-Aside grant to Charleston County, which will be administered by the Economic Development and passed thru to NOCS. This grant, designed to be passed thru to NOCS on a reimbursement basis.

Committee recommended that Council accept the \$250,000 Set-Aside grant from the S.C. Coordinating Council for Economic Development for use by New Orleans Cold Storage and Warehouse Company, LTD (NOCS) in support of their \$15.6 million expansion of their North Charleston, SC facility, with the understanding that this project is anticipated to create 27 new jobs and grant funds will be made available to the company by the Economic Development Department on a reimbursable basis in accordance with state grant guidelines.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Contracts and Procurement Director Barrett J. Tolbert regarding the need to award a contract for the Transportation Sales Tax 2014 Resurfacing Plan and three alternate bid items. It was stated that the resurfacing work shall include control, milling, surface preparation, asphalt resurfacing, striping and associated appurtenance of various local and SCDOT paved roadways within the boundaries of Charleston County. It was also shown that bids were submitted for the following alternate items:

Alternate Bid Item No. 1: The Town of Mount Pleasant Streets Resurfacing Plan includes various town streets that will be resurfaced and funded by the Town of Mount Pleasant through an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) between the Town of Mount Pleasant and Charleston County. The inclusion of this work allows the Town of Mount Pleasant to utilize the economy of scale advantage by bidding the project with a larger

**New Orleans
Cold Storage
Set Aside
Grant**

**Request to
Approve**

**TST
Resurfacing
Projects**

**Award of
Contract**

project such as the TST Resurfacing Plan. The project will be managed by the Charleston County Transportation Development Department. The IGA requires the town to fund Charleston County's Transportation Development staff for contract administration and inspection. Transportation Development seeks approval from Council to accept funds from the Town of Mount Pleasant for this project.

Alternate Bid Item No. 2: The Maybank Highway Resurfacing Plan will be paid for with funds from the Transportation Sales Tax bond proceeds. The work shall include widening of the roadway to construct dedicated bike lanes and asphalt overlay to provide a new riding surface.

Alternate Bid Item No. 3: The Transportation Sales Tax (TST) 2014 Resurfacing Plan and Deleston Road paving will be paid for with funds from the Transportation Sales Tax Annual Allocations. This work shall include traffic control, milling, surface preparation, asphalt resurfacing, striping, and other necessary work for the resurfacing of various local and South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) paved roadways, within the boundaries of Charleston County. The approximate total project length is 16.7 miles.

It was stated that bids were received in accordance with the terms and conditions of Invitation for Bid No. 4883-15C. The mandatory Small Business Enterprise (SBE) utilization for this solicitation is 12.2% and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal is 20%.

Bidder	Bid Price	SBE Percentage	DBE Percentage
Sanders Brothers Construction Company, Inc. North Charleston, South Carolina Principal: Chris Davis	\$4,248,884.05	12.6%	8.85%
Banks Construction Company North Charleston, South Carolina Principal: Ronald S. Banks, Jr.	\$4,647,477.02	12.2%	11.71%

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of bid for the TST 2014 Resurfacing Projects and three alternate bid items to Sanders Brothers Construction Company, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the total amount of \$4,248,884.05 and:

1. authorize funding in the amount of \$2,607,697.62 from the roads portion of the Transportation Sales Tax for the TST 2014 Resurfacing Projects.
2. authorize funding in the amount of \$1,165,440.83 from Transportation Sales Tax bond proceeds for the Maybank Highway Resurfacing Plan.
3. authorize the acceptance of funding from the Town of Mount Pleasant per the terms of the Inter-Governmental Agreement – Resurfacing Town of Mt. Pleasant street dated August 12, 2014.
4. authorize funding in the amount of \$47,135.33 from the roads portion of the Transportation Sales Tax for the Deleston Road Paving Project.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and the correspondence from City of Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. regarding the

reappointment of Andrew Savage to the Charleston County Aviation Authority. It was stated that based on an agreement with the City of Charleston it is the City's turn to conduct the application process and ask the County for consent to move forward with the application. It was further stated that the Aviation Authority District is governed by a 13-member board. The South Carolina House and Senate delegations representing Charleston County each nominate three members (approved by the Governor) and one member is jointly appointed by the Charleston County Council and the Charleston City Council (approved by the Governor). The mayors of the City of Charleston, City of North Charleston and Town of Mount Pleasant, the Chairman of Charleston County Council and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Charleston County Legislative Delegation serve as ex-officio board members. The appointed members serve four-year terms.

Committee recommended that Council join the City of Charleston in recommending that the Governor reappoint Andrew Savage to the Charleston County Aviation Authority Board for a term to expire in June 2018.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Contracts and Procurement Director Barrett J. Tolbert regarding the need to award a contract for the Traffic Signals and Intersection Improvement Projects. It was stated that the projects include improvements to three roads: 1) Main Road, located in the City of Charleston, on Johns Island, 2) Ashley Phosphate at I-26, located in the City of North Charleston, and 3) Ladson Road at Palmetto Commerce Parkway, located in the City of North Charleston. It was stated that the Main Road Widening improvements consist of widening a portion of Main Road S-20 from Brownwood Road S-1442 to Maybank Highway SC Route 700 and traffic signal improvements for a cost of \$377,779.50. The Ashley Phosphate at I-26 improvements consists of restriping of approximately 500 linear feet of roadway on Ashley Phosphate Road S-75, installation of new interstate guide signs, and traffic signal retiming for a cost of \$239,361.25. The Ladson Road S-76 at Palmetto Commerce Parkway improvements consists of new traffic signals and construction of an asphalt turn lane on Palmetto Commerce Parkway for a cost of \$342,397.80. It was further stated that one bid was received in accordance with the terms and conditions of Invitation for Bid No. 4886-15C.

**Traffic Signal
and
Intersection
Improvement
Projects**

**Award of
Contract**

Bidder	Bid Price	SBE Percentage	DBE Percentage
Truluck Construction Company Charleston, South Carolina Principal: Charles E. Truluck	\$959,538.55	30.9%	7.03%

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of bid for the Traffic Signals and Intersection Improvement Projects (TST) to Truluck Construction Company, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$959,538.55, with the understanding that funds are available in the roads portion of the Transportation Sales Tax.

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Contracts and Procurement Director Barrett J. Tolbert regarding the need to award a contract for the Fort Johnson Road Sidewalk Project. It was stated that this project will consist of installing asphalt sidewalk and concrete pedestrian landing areas along Fort Johnson

**Fort Johnson
Road
Sidewalk
Project**

**Award of
Contract**

Road to fill in the gap segments beginning near Harborview Road to Camp Road. It was further stated that the work shall include, but is not limited to, clearing, site excavation, sub-grade preparation, grading, aggregate base, asphalt paving, sidewalk installation, storm drainage installation, maintenance of traffic during construction, roadway signing, pavement striping and associated appurtenances, erosion and sedimentation control. The project will be constructed utilizing the items listed on the bid form in the solicitation. It was shown that bids were received in accordance with the terms and conditions of Invitation for Bid No. 4884-15C. The mandatory Small Business Enterprise (SBE) utilization for this solicitation is 12.2% and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal is 20%.

Bidder	Bid Price	SBE Percentage	DBE Percentage
Landscape Pavers Charleston, South Carolina Principal: Joyce Schirmer	\$444,658.00	100%	100%
*Truluck Construction Company Charleston, South Carolina Principal: Charles E. Truluck	\$597,218.50	10.9%	16.49%

*non-responsive failure to meet SBE participation requirement

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of bid for the Fort Johnson Road Sidewalk Phase 3 & 4 (TST) to Landscape Pavers, the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$444,658.00, with the understanding that funds are available in the roads portion of the Transportation Sales Tax.

**Ernest E.
Kennedy
Center Grant**

**Request to
Accept**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Charleston County Sheriff J. Al Cannon, Jr. regarding a pass-through federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention grant being sub-awarded to the Sheriff's Office by the Ernest E. Kennedy Center which is a private, non-profit organization based in Moncks Corner, SC, and designated as a county substance abuse provider by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (SC DAODAS). It was stated that the Kennedy Center is collaborating with the Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) to reduce underage drinking and underage smoking, and this partnership was formed because of CCSO's role as the lead agency for the Ninth Judicial Circuit's Alcohol Enforcement Team. It was shown that CCSO has been sub-awarded \$6,000 of federal block grant funds from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) to use for the enforcement of underage drinking and smoking and on June 17, 2014, the funds were remitted to the CCSO, available for expenditure as of that date, with no stated expiration date. It was further shown that there are no FTE's requested in this funding and no match is required.

Committee recommended that Council allow the Sheriff's Office to accept pass-through federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention funding of \$6,000 from the Ernest E. Kennedy Center to use for the enforcement of underage drinking and smoking, with the understanding that the funding was available for expenditure as of June 17, 2014, and that there are no FTE's or matching funds associated with this funding.

**Charleston
Restaurant
Foundation
Grant/Project
Lifesaver**

**Request to
Accept**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Charleston County Sheriff J. Al Cannon, Jr. regarding a grant received from the Charleston Restaurant Foundation for Project Lifesaver. It was stated that the Charleston Development Corporation (CDC), a nonprofit entity by which grant awards and private donations for charitable causes within the County may be accepted, received a \$5,500 grant from the Charleston Restaurant Foundation for the Sheriff's Office to be used to purchase 20 Project Lifesaver transmitters for Charleston County families. It was also stated that Project Lifesaver is a nationally recognized program which provides a timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related conditions and disorders. It was shown that on June 12, 2014, the funds were remitted to the CDC and were available for expenditure as of that date with no stated expiration date. It was further shown that there are no FTE's requested in this funding and no match is required.

Committee recommended that Council allow the Sheriff's Office to accept the transfer of \$5,500 from the Charleston Development Corporation (CDC) in order to purchase 20 Project Lifesaver transmitters, with the understanding that there are no FTE's or matching funds associated with this funding.

**Homeland
Security
Grant
Program/
Sheriff's
Office**

**Request to
Approve**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Charleston County Sheriff J. Al Cannon, Jr., an application submitted to the Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) which is offering funding opportunities for 2014. It was stated that the Charleston County Sheriff's Office is responsible for terrorism deterrence, prevention and protection in Charleston County and in addition, the Sheriff's Office is also tasked with preparing and supporting Charleston County government for other hazards as well; therefore, operational readiness on the part of the Sheriff's Office is vital to the businesses, citizens and critical infrastructures of Charleston County and any gaps in operational capabilities should be identified and addressed accordingly.

It was shown that due to this obligatory function, the Sheriff's Office has identified key equipment needs from tactical organizational components that are responsible for Homeland Security missions. The Sheriff's Office has determined through an operational assessment that specified equipment would be necessary to continue to sustain essential Homeland Security readiness and subsequent support for Charleston County. The Sheriff's Office has determined that the following assets are necessary to fulfill this function: x-ray system to aid the Bomb Squad in immediate information regarding contents of suspicious packages, and training and safety equipment for the SWAT team. The total amount requested under this grant is \$41,712. This equipment is vital to ensure that the Sheriff's Office can respond properly to Homeland Security initiatives and incidents in Charleston County.

Committee recommended that Council allow the Sheriff's Office to apply for and accept, if awarded, the FY 14 Homeland Security Grant Program in the amount of \$41,712, with the understanding that the grant period is September 30, 2014 through September 30, 2015 and that no match is required and no FTE's will be requested.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Contracts and Procurement Director Barrett J. Tolbert regarding the County's request for

**Engineering
Services for
Solid Waste
Projects**

qualifications from design/engineering firms for the purpose of providing design/engineering services for various solid waste projects on an as-needed basis. The selected firm(s) shall provide the professional engineering and related services necessary to design, permit, and provide construction administration and construction quality assurance of solid waste projects. It was stated that Submittals were received in accordance with the terms and conditions of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 4877-5W from the following firms:

- American Engineering Consultants, Inc.
- Garrett & Moore, Inc.
- HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas
- Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble, Inc. (HHNT)
- Joyce Engineering, Inc.
- Terracon Consultants, Inc.
- URS Corporation

Per the terms of the RFQ, it is the intent of the County to identify three (3) engineering firms which will be considered for award for each special project during the course of the year. The County will always negotiate first with the firm identified as the most qualified. If a fair and reasonable cost and time frame can be successfully negotiated, that firm will be awarded the project; If however, successful negotiations with this firm are not concluded, the County will attempt to negotiate with the firm identified as the second most qualified firm and failure to reach successful negotiations with this firm will result in the County attempting to conduct negotiations with the firm identified as being the third most qualified firm. If negotiations fail with all three firms, a solicitation for the specific project will be opened for all vendors to participate in the RFQ process. It was shown that an evaluation committee reviewed the qualifications for compliance with the RFQ requirements and determined the following three firms, ranking in order, to be the most qualified in meeting the County's needs and recommends awarding contracts.

1. Terracon Consultants, Inc.
2. Joyce Engineering, Inc.
3. URS Corporation

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of contracts for design/engineering services for various solid waste projects on an as-needed basis, in order of most qualified, to the following firms, and that funding is available in the Environmental Management Budget

1. Terracon Consultants, Inc.
2. Joyce Engineering, Inc.
3. URS Corporation

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

**Rural
Greenbelt
Projects**

A report was read from the Finance Committee that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Greenbelts Program Director Cathy Ruff regarding rural greenbelt project applications considered by the Greenbelt Bank Board. It was stated that the Greenbelt Bank Board considered seven rural greenbelt

projects at their August 7, 2014, meeting and recommended the following projects for approval:

Applicant	Project	Type	Acres	Funding
East Cooper Land Trust	Thornhill Farms	Fee Simple	93.96	\$1,340,000
Edisto Island Open Land Trust	Sand Creek-Legacy	Fee Simple	12.40	\$216,200
	Live Oak Park			
SC Battleground Trust	Stono Ferry Battlefield- Church Flatts Camp	Fee Simple	17.13	\$829,430
Town of Ravenel	Little Lake Family Park	Fee Simple	6.00	\$800,000
Total			129.49	\$3,185,630

NOTE: The Town of Ravenel's project is being recommended for approval contingent upon an updated appraisal. The appraisal submitted with the application was completed in 2011. The Town is currently having the appraisal updated.

It was further stated that the following projects were also considered:

Applicant	Project Name	Project Type	Acres	Amount
CAGE	Hamlin Beach	Fee Simple	3.54	\$464,250
	Preservation Society			
St. James Foundation	Gullah Cultural Center	Fee Simple	7.50	\$617,454

CAGE Project – The Greenbelt Bank Board is recommending disapproval of this project due to opposition expressed among community members.

St. James Foundation Project – The board deferred action on this project so that the appraisal could be updated. The proposed land acquisition included the purchase of a graveyard that totals 2.4 acres. The foundation proposed to sell future grave sites, which would not be allowed by the Greenbelt program. The board requested the appraisal be updated to exclude the graveyard. Following the Bank Board meeting, the St. James Foundation received an updated appraisal extracting the graveyard from the project. Please note the match being provided in the project includes a request from the Town of James Island to allow \$200,000 of their urban greenbelt funds be used toward the land purchase.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Approve funding for the rural greenbelt projects listed below provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and appropriate parties.

Applicant	Project Name	Project Type	Acres	Funding Amount
East Cooper Land Trust	Thornhill Farms	Fee Simple	93.96	\$1,340,000
Edisto Island Open Land Trust	Sand Creek-Legacy	Fee Simple	12.40	\$216,200
	Live Oak Park			
SC Battleground Trust	Stono Ferry Battlefield- Church Flatts Camp	Fee Simple	17.13	\$829,430
Town of Ravenel	Little Lake Family Park	Fee Simple	6.00	\$800,000
Total			129.49	\$3,185,630

2. Approve the St. James Foundation's Gullah Cultural Center Greenbelt project in the amount of \$817,454 (\$617,454 from the Rural Greenbelt Program and \$200,000 from the Town of James Island's Urban Greenbelt funds).
3. Defer the CAGE's Hamlin Beach Preservation Society rural greenbelt project for 60 days to allow the community to further discuss the project.
4. 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.
5. Authorize the use of \$4,003,084 to be funded from a combination of Greenbelt Operating Contingency and/or 2011 General Obligation Bonds. Approve use of funds remaining in the rural greenbelt program (\$2,780,061) be exhausted to fund the approved projects. The balance needed to fund the remaining projects will come from Greenbelt Operating Contingency. Any unused or returned funds will be returned to the Greenbelt Operating Contingency not the rural greenbelt program funds.
6. Since the approval of these projects will deplete the rural greenbelt program funding, approve the closing of the rural greenbelt program. Unless directed by Council, no additional rural greenbelt projects will be accepted.

Ms. Condon moved approval of items 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 and disapproval of the Hamlin Beach Project, seconded by Mr. Rawl.

Mr. Sass asked if funding the Town of Ravenel project, which is in a more urban area was an appropriate use of rural greenbelt funds. Mr. Taylor stated that even though the property is in a more urbanized area, it is outside of the Urban Growth Boundary so it would be appropriate to spend rural greenbelt funds in that area. Mr. Sass requested that each of the projects be voted on separately.

Thornhill Farms Project was approved unanimously.

Sand Creek Legacy Live Oak Park was approved unanimously.

Stono was approved unanimously

Little Lake Family Park was approved. Mssrs. Sass, Schweers, and Qualey voted nay.

St. James Foundation project was approved. Mr. Schweers voted nay.

Ms. Condon moved disapproval of the Hamlin Beach Project. The motion was approved and Mr. Sass abstained from voting on the item and filed a Statement of Conflict of Interest with the Clerk of Council.

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Greenbelts Program Director Cathy Ruff regarding a rural greenbelt project which was

considered by the Greenbelt Bank Board at their August 7, 2014 meeting. The following project is being recommended for approval.

Spring Grove Greenbelt Project	Applicant Funding	Project	Project	Acres	
	Charleston County PRC	Spring Grove County Park	Fee Simple	638.00	\$2,567,000

NOTE: The landowner, Mead Westvaco has submitted to the County's Planning Commission a request to change the zoning on this property that will allow for future development of approximately 900 units.

Committee recommended that Council defer this matter until a Development Agreement has been reached.

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

**Financial
Advisory
Services**

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Contracts and Procurement Director Barrett J. Tolbert regarding the need to award a contract for financial advisory services. It was stated that sealed proposals received from qualified firms to provide financial advisory services. It was stated that the contract will be for one year with an option to extend on an annual basis not to exceed five consecutive years, and that funding is available through debt service funds. It was stated that proposals were received from the following firms in accordance with the terms and conditions of RFP No. 4880-15W:

First Southwest Company
Charlotte, NC
Vice Chairman: Jack E. Addams

First Tryon Securities, LLC
Charlotte, NC
Managing Director: Amy Vitner

Public Financial Management, Inc.
Orlando, FL
Partner: James W. Glover

It was further stated that an evaluation committee reviewed the proposals for compliance with the RFP requirements, and after evaluating the capabilities and qualifications of the firms and their proposed cost, the committee determined First Tryon Securities, LLC's proposal to be the most advantageous in meeting the County's needs and recommends awarding a contract.

Committee recommended that Council authorize staff to enter into a one year contract in the amount of \$57,500 with four annually renewable terms, with First Tryon Securities, LLC for financial advisory services.

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

CMC
CONTRACT

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Technology Services Director Donald Giacomo regarding a request to enter into a non-competitive procurement agreement with CMC Americas, Inc. for IT services to Charleston County. It was stated that the County's current contract with CMC Americas is scheduled to end June 30, 2015. It was also stated that CMC Americas, Inc. has provided IT services to Charleston County since July 2002 and the County is currently finishing out its second contract with CMC which will end June 30, 2015, and it is time for the County to consider re-advertising or establishing a Non-Competitive Agreement with CMC Americas, Inc. for IT services and CMC Americas, Inc. has addressed this issue with a proposal for the County. It was shown that CMC Americas, Inc. has become an integral part of the County's IT operations, implementing technologies that have ultimately improved the quality of services to the citizens and provided process and productivity improvements, which have reduced costs and saved valuable time. It was shown that they built and installed all of the technology at the new Emergency Services Building (ESB); implemented the Disaster Recovery Center at the ESB and several security solutions for the County and updated the County's storage network. They have also developed numerous software systems for County departments, including the *CourtPlus* mobile web application for the Clerk of Court (voted one of the *Top 10 in US Government Sector*), the *User Fee System* for Revenue Collections, the *Appeal Tracking System* for the Assessor's Office; the *Coroner's Case Management System*, and the Fleet Division's *Maintenance & Gas Usage Tracking System*, and over the last 12 years, CMC Americas, Inc. has consistently exceeded expectations from County departments. Their staff has been a pleasure to work with, as is evidenced by the 100+ letters of appreciation from around the County, successfully surpassing Service Level Agreements (SLA's) every year, and complying and exceeding 10% (MBE) engagement by 12-15%. They have also become an integral part of the Charleston community, participating in over 55 community service activities, and they have recently been contracted to implement the new *Container Tracking Software System* for the South Carolina Ports Authority. It was further stated that if awarded another five year contract, CMC proposes to keep the current baseline costs in place. This would represent a potential 18-20% savings if a new contract were to be negotiated, and ultimately a cost avoidance of approximately \$500,000 in transitional expenditures to the County.

Committee recommended that Council authorize award of a Non-Competitive Procurement for CMC Americas Inc. to provide IT services to Charleston County for another five years, with the current baseline costs in place.

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

**Sale of 1801
Shipyard
Creek Road**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Deputy Administrator for General Services Walter Smalls regarding the sale of the county-owned property located at 1801 Shipyard Creek Road, also known as the Incinerator Site - TMS 469-00-00-006. It was stated that the property was leased to Foster Wheeler Charleston Resource Recovery, Inc., for an incinerator site on November 1, 1987. Foster Wheeler constructed the waste incinerator facility and the County supplied solid waste to be processed in this facility. Operations were discontinued and the incinerator building was demolished in 2010. The property is considered excess to the County.

It was shown that Palmetto Railways, formerly South Carolina Public Railways is interested in purchasing the property or a portion of the property for construction of a southern lead of the Navy Base Intermodal facility. SCDOT also needs 3.84 acres of the incinerator property that they will require for the Port Access Road and has begun their eminent domain process with the County. It was further shown that Palmetto Railways would purchase the entire 17.8 acres and once Palmetto Railways controls the property they would negotiate with SCDOT for the 3.84 acres that is needed for the Port Access Road.

Committee recommended that Council authorize staff to get an updated appraisal and negotiate the sale of the 17.8 acres located at 1801 Shipyard Creek Road, North Charleston, identified as TMS 469-00-00-006, to Palmetto Railways and bring the negotiations back to Finance Committee for approval.

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

**CAPES
Implementation
Elected
Officials**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of August 21, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Human Resources Director Fagan Stackhouse regarding Elected Officials Pay Plan.

Committee recommended that Council authorize staff to perform a market study regarding salaries of Elected Officials in South Carolina Counties of equivalent size and population and bring this information back to Council.

Mr. Qualey stated that he misspoke at the Finance Committee meeting regarding the Elected Officials asking for salary increases and he apologized if he misspoke or his intentions were misconstrued.

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

A report was read from the Special Finance Committee meeting of August 26, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by Council Members and Staff as well as information furnished by representatives of the Charleston Regional Alliance.

Committee recommended that Council authorize the Chairman and appropriate staff to meet with the CRDA and arrive at a resolution of all of the governance, partnership and operational issues of concern to Charleston County, and that County Council withhold all funding pending successful resolution of all such issues. Following successful resolution of County issues and an evaluation of CRDA priorities, the amount and timing of funding to the CRDA will be re-evaluated and a funding decision made.

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

Ms. Condon stated that she appreciated working with Mr. Sass this afternoon to come to a workable agreement on this motion.

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

Mr. Schweers stated that he understood that there were some deep divisions between the County and the CRDA, but that it serves everyone for us to work out our differences. If we go our separate ways, that will be the message.

Mr. Rawl stated that he agreed with Mr. Schweers and suggested that perhaps there should be a liaison between the Economic Development Committee, the Economic Development staff, and the CRDA. Mr. Rawl also stated that because Council is entering uncertain times with a number of pressing and complicated issues it will be incumbent upon Council Members to be able to work together and to continue a conversation and open discussion on many topics.

Mr. Sass stated for the record, "I would like to explain why I voted against number 10, Project Open House. I am certainly in favor of that particular group locating here, staying here, and being part of our development, but I was concerned about it not being bid and not being part of our original development so that was my vote. I would also like to thank everybody on this Council who has worked hard to get this CRDA issue headed in the right direction."

The Chairman stated that there was a need to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mr. Summey moved for executive session, seconded by Mr. Pryor, and carried.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the Chairman stated that no action had been taken by Council in executive session.

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

Beverly T. Craven
Clerk of Council