

Charleston, S. C.

February 25, 2014

A meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 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 Kurt Taylor, County Administrator, and County Attorney Joseph Dawson.

Council Member Qualey gave the invocation. Council Member Schweers 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 Council's minutes of February 11, 2014; seconded by Mr. Sass and carried.

**Resolutions**

**EME  
Apartments**

**African  
American  
History Month  
Recognitions**

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by Council Member Anna Johnson regarding a resolution recognizing the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EME Apartments. It was stated that the Emanuel, Morris Brown and Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Churches took advantage of a federal housing initiative 45 years ago, and the 100 unit complex has provided safe, clean, comfortable housing in a unique location for its clients during its 45 year existence.

Committee recommended that Council adopt a resolution in honor of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EME Apartments.

Mr. Qualey moved approval of Committee recommendations, seconded by Mr. Summey and carried.

The Chairman requested the Honorable Richard E. Fields of the EME Board to come forward to accept the Resolution which was read into the record by Ms. Johnson.

The Resolution was read into the record by Council Member Johnson.



**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING THE 45<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE EME APARTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the EME Apartments, named after the three churches responsible for its inception – Emanuel, Morris Brown and Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal churches – held its ground breaking on June 5, 1968, taking advantage of a new federal housing initiative offered through the Federal Housing Administration under President Lyndon B. Johnson; and

**WHEREAS**, the EME Apartments, a 100-unit complex, has provided safe, clean, comfortable housing in a unique location for its clients during its 45 year existence; and

**WHEREAS**, the EME Apartments offers numerous quality of life enhancement opportunities to residents that include an after school tutoring program, health seminars, drug prevention, and a mentoring program; and

**WHEREAS**, the EME Apartments continues to be recognized as a “Community of Quality” by the National Affordable Housing Management Association, South Eastern Assisted Housing Management Association, and the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority has awarded the EME Apartments numerous Superior Management Operation Reviews; and

**WHEREAS**, while preserving and maintaining its historical significance and value to Charleston and its surrounding areas, the Board of the Emanuel-Morris Brown-Ebenezer AME churches endeavors to maintain an overall positive recognition and perception of the EME Apartments.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by Charleston County Council that the Board of the Emanuel-Morris Brown-Ebenezer AME churches be commended for its commitment to providing quality affordable housing to the citizens of Charleston County for over 45 years.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

Teddie E. Pryor, Sr., Chairman  
February 25, 2014

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by Council Member Henry Darby regarding resolutions to be adopted in honor of citizens who have made contributions in preserving, protecting, and advancing African American heritage and culture in Charleston County.

Committee recommended that Council adopt resolutions honoring the following individuals:

Amand Derfner  
Johnifer Fashion  
Otto German  
Remus Harper  
Steve LaPrad  
Gerald Mackey  
Bernard Powers  
Donald West  
Lucille Whipper

The Chairman announced that the first Resolution was for Mr. Donald West. and Mr. West was unable to be in attendance.

The Chairman requested Council Member Qualey to read the Resolution into the record.



**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING DONALD WEST**

*“Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” – President Gerald R. Ford*

**WHEREAS, Donald West** is a full-time instructor in the Department of History, Humanities, and Political Science at Trident Technical College where he teaches both series of the U.S. History and African American History courses as well as a survey history course on Africa; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Donald West** did his undergraduate work at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore and the University of Cincinnati with a MA Degree in History; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Donald West** has been a mentor and advisor in several student programs and organizations at Trident including the Clemente program, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and the TTC International Student Club; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Donald West** has used his love of history to facilitate learning through travel, leading Trident as well as other area students on local history tours in Charleston and additional educational trips in other parts of South Carolina, the Southeast, and Washington D.C.; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Donald West** has successfully helped to write two Fulbright grants, bringing African scholars to Trident to teach and lecture on African history and Black literature, has traveled to West Africa where he has visited important historic sites connected to the Atlantic Slave Trade, and after submitting another grant awarded proposal, he traveled as the project director of a Fulbright-Hays grant with 12 other educators to Guinea and Sierra Leone; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Donald West** has had various articles published in state and local as well as national anthologies and journals; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Donald West** was a founding member and treasurer of the Denmark Vesey & The Spirit of Freedom Monument Committee, which purpose was to erect a monument in honor of Denmark Vesey and in honor of fairness and equality of all, an essential member who guided The Denmark Vesey & The Spirit of Freedom Monument Committee to its completion.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in meeting duly assembled, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize **Donald West** for contributions to the citizens of Charleston County and the State of South Carolina by working to educate the general public on West Africa and the Lowcountry connection.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman**  
**February 25, 2014**

The next Resolution was honoring Amand Derfner. The Chairman requested Mr. Derfner to come forward and asked Council Member A. Victor Rawl to read the Resolution in to the record.



**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING ARMAND GEORGES DERFNER**

*“The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers.” – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**WHEREAS, Armand Georges Derfner** was born in Europe, came to the United States with his parents, and is a proud immigrant, like other immigrants who come to this country to make a better life for themselves and to contribute to this Nation; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Armand Georges Derfner** graduated from Princeton University and Yale Law School before moving to Charleston almost fifty years ago, where he raised a family and has been an active member of our community; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Armand Georges Derfner** is a renowned civil rights lawyer, especially in securing and protecting the right to vote for all citizens, in the courts including numerous Supreme Court cases as well as work with Congress over many years to enact and enforce the Voting Rights Act; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Armand Georges Derfner** has worked with community organizations throughout our County, State and Nation, including the NAACP, American Civil Liberties Union, League of Women Voters, Voter Education Project, and others, and has been honored by the South Carolina Bar and the American Bar Association, for his civil rights work; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Armand Georges Derfner** joined with the late Hon. Matthew J. Perry to achieve fair districts in the South Carolina General Assembly and also worked on the cases that achieved fair districts for the City of Charleston and this Charleston County Council.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in meeting duly assembled, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize the contributions of **Armand Georges Derfner** to the citizens of Charleston County, the State of South Carolina, and the United States as he continues to work to preserve the integrity of that right which is so basic to American citizenship – the right to vote.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman**  
**February 25, 2014**

**The next Resolution was to honor Mr. Johnifer Fashion and the Chairman required Mr. Fashion to come forward and for Council Member Darby to read the Resolution into the Council Minutes**



**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING JOHNIFER FASHION**

*“Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” – President Gerald R. Ford*

**WHEREAS, Johnifer Fashion** discovered what he wanted to do at an early age and has been playing music since he began taking piano lessons at the age of nine; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Johnifer Fashion** went on to obtain a fine arts degree from the College of Charleston and a Master in Education from The Citadel, studied with world renowned duo pianists Delphin and Romain, and is a prodigy of the late Reverend Joey Jones, Chief Musician to the late Reverend James Cleveland; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Johnifer Fashion** is the Minister of Music at Mt. Carmel AME Church in Moncks Corner, SC, and has formerly been the Director of the internationally renowned College of Charleston Gospel Choir, The Citadel Gospel Choir, Choral Instructor for Timberland High School, Minister of Music for Wesley United Methodist Church in Hollywood, SC, Associate Professor at the City College of Chicago, Associate Minister of Music for Reverend "Ike" Eikenkoetter Christ United Church in New York, Minister of Music for the historic Morris Street Baptist Church in Charleston, Executive Producer for "The Sun Will Shine Again," and principle arranger for Perkins' Project "In The Garden"; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Johnifer Fashion** has been recognized as the 1996 and 2006 MOJA Man of Gospel, performed before standing room only audiences in Paris, Milan, and London, and has performed in historic venues such as The White House, The Pentagon, The Capital, 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, The Naval Academy Amphitheater, and First Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, New York; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Johnifer Fashion** was a member of The Denmark Vesey & The Spirit of Freedom Monument Committee who assisted and supported the chairperson of said committee with inspiration and continual encouragement until The Denmark Vesey & The Spirit of Freedom Monument was completed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in meeting duly assembled, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize the contributions of **Johnifer Fashion** to the citizens of Charleston County, the State of South Carolina, and the world as he continues to promote the healing power of gospel music.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman**  
**February 25, 2014**

The next Resolution was given to Mr. Otto German. Mr. Pryor requested Mr. German to come forward to accept Council's Resolution, and asked Council Member Sass to read the Resolution into the Minutes.



**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING OTTO GERMAN**

*“Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” – President Gerald R. Ford*

**WHEREAS, Otto German** is a native of Mount Pleasant, SC, where he graduated from Moultrie High School in 1969 and was named Lowcountry Player of the Year and was an honorable mention All-American basketball player, he is married to the former Alberta Walker and the couple has three children, Tarpon, Ornate, and Chadwick, as well as ten grandchildren; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Otto German**, in 1970, became the second ever African-American student athlete to receive a full basketball scholarship to the College of Charleston where he was a four-year letter winner and an all-conference selection in 1970; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Otto German** has been employed by his alma mater for over 40 years, serving in various capacities including Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs, Assistant Director of Student Activities, Assistant Director of Admissions, Associate Dean of Admissions and is currently the Director of NCAA Compliance for the College's Athletic Department; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Otto German** was the first recipient of the College of Charleston's Eddie Ganaway Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Otto German** is heavily involved in the community serving as assistant basketball coach at Porter Gaud from 1976-1982 and Wando High School from 1989-1992, serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission for seven years, the Mount Pleasant Election Commission for six years, as a recreational youth basketball and football coach for six years, and in Friendship AME Church where he is a member of the Male and Adult Choir, Director of Acolytes, and Assistant Church School Superintendent.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in meeting duly assembled, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize the contributions of **Otto German** to the citizens of Charleston County and the State of South Carolina as he strives to spread the benefits of diversity in the community and in our everyday lives.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman**  
**February 25, 2014**

The Chairman said that the next recipient was Remus Harper, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Pryor requested Council Member Summey to read Mr. Harper's Resolution into the Record. The Resolution is as follows:



**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING REMUS HARPER, JR.**

*“Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” – President Gerald R. Ford*

**WHEREAS, Remus Harper, Jr.** is a native of North Charleston, SC, the son of the late Remus and Annabelle Stewart Harper, a 1968 graduate of Bonds Wilson High School where he was captain of the basketball team and valedictorian of his class, he is married to the former Tanya Trescott and the couple has two sons and five grandchildren; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Remus Harper, Jr.** graduated from the College of Charleston in 1972 where he was the first African American to receive a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and distinguished himself as the College’s first black athlete and the first African American to receive a full athletic scholarship for basketball, was named team captain his senior year and was awarded the 2010 Eddie Ganaway Award for Excellence in Collegiate Education and Leadership from his alma mater; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Remus Harper, Jr.** was featured in an article entitled “Stumbling Blocks, Stepping Stones” in the February 2009 Charleston City Paper which outlined his struggle with racism as a black player in the Civil Rights Era and was also referenced in a March 2013 article by John Strudel in the Featured Post as one of the Jackie Robinsons of sports in Charleston for his courage and endurance in facing racial discrimination as the first African American basketball player at the College of Charleston; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Remus Harper, Jr.** is retired from General Motors Acceptance Corporation where he became the first African American promoted to the Supervisory/Management level serving as Sales Supervisor, Commercial Lending Supervisor, Training Supervisor, and Acquisitions Supervisor for the Charleston branch; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Remus Harper, Jr.** acknowledged God’s desire for him to enter the ministry in 1986 and since that time has served as pastor of Shiloh AME Church, North Charleston, until 1994 and Mt. Carmel AME Church, Moncks Corner, where he currently serves; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Remus Harper, Jr.** believes in community service serving on the Advisory Board at Westview Middle School, Advisory Committee for the City of Goose Creek, Board of Directors for Avery Institute, Chairman of Faith Based Committee for Disparity Board of the Hollings Cancer Center, and the Advisory Board of the College of Charleston Black Alumni Caucus.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in meeting duly assembled, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize the contributions of **Remus Harper, Jr.** to the citizens of Charleston County, the State of South Carolina, and the community at large for the courage he has displayed in breaking racial barriers and for the love he spreads through his daily life as an encourager, a person of humor, and a pioneer with a humble spirit.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman**  
**February 25, 2014**

The next Resolution was to honor Mr. Steve LaPrad, The Chairman requested Mr. Lap had to come forward and Council Member Darby to read the Resolution into the record. The Resolution is as follows:





**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING STEVE LAPRAD**

*“The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers.” – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**WHEREAS, Steve LaPrad** is a native of Roanoke, Virginia, where he was educated in public schools, graduating from Northside High School in 1973, is the husband of Beth LaPrad, and father to three adult children, Brent, Tyler, and Lindsey; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Steve LaPrad** received an undergraduate degree in Physical Education from Pembroke State University in 1977 and a Master’s in Education from The Citadel in 1985; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Steve LaPrad** has taught and coached in South Carolina high schools since graduating from college, first at Chester High School from 1977-1978 where he coached football, wrestling, and golf; then at Summerville High School where he coached wrestling and football from 1978-2003; and finally at Fort Dorchester High School where he has served as the Athletic Director and football coach from 2003 until the present; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Steve LaPrad** has coached numerous All Americans and State Champions, has signed over 100 high school athletes to college scholarships, and presently has 3 NFL players including Robert Quinn, who plays for the St. Louis Rams and was captain of the 2014 Pro Bowl; Carlos Dunlap, who plays for the Cincinnati Bengals; and Byron Maxwell of the 2014 Super Bowl Champion Seattle Seahawks; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Steve LaPrad** has evinced a total concern for the whole athlete as opposed to the athleticism thereof; he has found creative ways to help poverty-stricken African-American students succeed by employing them within his business, Screen East, Inc.; seeking assistance from various business persons to give poverty-stricken athletes various opportunities; assisting players’ parents who live below the poverty line with housing; organizing holiday meals for students who do not have traditional homes; and assisting with funeral expenses for students whose parents have passed away; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Steve LaPrad** treats African-American athletes as if they were his own children, disciplining them when needed, commending them when successful and ensuring they have completed their academic tasks.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in meeting duly assembled, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize the contributions of **Steve LaPrad** to the citizens of Charleston County and to the students he has fostered and will continue to foster as he strives to help his students succeed in life – not just in sports.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman  
February 25, 2014**

The next Resolution was for Mr. Gerald Mackey. The Chairman requested Mr. Mackey to come forward to receive the Resolution and for Council Member Schweers to read the Resolution into the record.

The Resolution is as follows:



**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING GERALD MACKEY**

*“Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” – President Gerald R. Ford*

**WHEREAS, Gerald Mackey** is an alumnus of Catlin College where he graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in English in 1974 and was a member of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, he furthered his education by completing his M.A.T. in English as well as his M.Ed. in Educational Administration and Supervision at The Citadel, he received a Certificate in Victorian Art and Literature from the University of London, and a Ph.D. specializing in Nineteenth Century British Literature from the University of South Carolina; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Gerald Mackey** taught classes in Advanced Placement English, American English Literature, Mythology, the Bible as Literature, and adult education classes for Charleston County School District from 1974 until 1983; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Gerald Mackey** served in various administrative positions in Charleston County School District from 1983 until 1991 including Staff Development and Evaluation Supervisor, Coordinator of Teacher Evaluation, and Assistant Principal of St. John’s High School; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Gerald Mackey** is a firm believer in professional and community service as evidenced by his membership in the National Council of Teachers of English, Phi Delta Kappa (Low Country 1228 South Carolina Chapter) President, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Rural Mission, Incorporated Board of Directors, Trident Private Industry Council Board of Directors, Charleston Metro Chamber Education Foundation Board of Directors, Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Board of Directors, Foster Care Review Board, Trident United Way Board of Directors, Charleston Development Academy Governance Board Chairperson, and Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Center Board of Directors.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, in meeting duly assembled, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize **Gerald Mackey** for his contributions to the

citizens of Charleston County through his service in the educational arena as well as his community involvement.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman**  
**February 25, 2014**

The Chairman asked Mr. Powers to come forward to accept the Resolution, and Ms. Condon to read the Resolution into the record



**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING BERNARD E. POWERS, JR.**

*“Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” – President Gerald R. Ford*

**WHEREAS, Bernard E. Powers, Jr.** is the eldest son of Bernard E. Powers, Sr. and Mildred Powers, he graduated com laude from Gustavo’s Adolph us College in St. Peter, Minnesota, where he received the bachelor’s degree in history, he furthered his education at Northwestern University where he earned the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American history, he is married to Lorraine O. Powers; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Bernard E. Powers, Jr.** has worked in higher education in excess of thirty years teaching first at Malcolm X College and Northeastern Illinois University before joining the faculty of the College of Charleston in 1992 where he has taught courses in United States and African American history; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Bernard E. Powers, Jr.** has given speeches and presented numerous papers at professional conferences on different aspects of the African American experience, has served as a manuscript referee for academic presses and has reviewed books for academic journals, and has published work in academic book chapters and scholarly and popular periodicals; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Bernard E. Powers, Jr.** is the author of Black Charlestonians: A Social History 1822-1885, which was selected by Choice magazine as one of the Outstanding Academic Books for 1995, and served as an associate editor of the Encyclopedia of South Carolina; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Bernard E. Powers, Jr.** is a firm believer in community service as evidenced by his current and past membership in various organizations including the Advisory Board of the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture, the Charleston Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the Board of Trustees for the Historic Charleston Foundation, the Board of Directors for the International African American Museum, the South Carolina Aquarium Diversity Task Force, the South Carolina Hall of Fame

Board of Trustees, the City of Charleston Commission on Tourism, the South Carolina State Board of Review – National Register of Historic Places, and many others; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Bernard E. Powers, Jr.** is a founding member of the Denmark Vesey & The Spirit of Freedom Monument Committee, which purpose was to erect a monument in honor of Denmark Vesey and in honor of fairness and equality of all, who guided The Denmark Vesey & The Spirit of Freedom Monument to its completion.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in meeting duly assembled, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize **Bernard E. Powers, Jr.** for his contributions to the citizens of Charleston County and the State of South Carolina by shining a light on the African-American experience in the United States.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman**  
**February 25, 2014**



**A RESOLUTION  
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
HONORING LUCILLE WHIPPER**

*“Seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” – President Gerald R. Ford*

**WHEREAS, Lucille Simmons Whipper** was born in Charleston, SC, on June 6, 1928, to Sarah and Joseph Simmons, and was a student activist at her high school, Avery Institute, as she and other members of the 1944 graduating class sought to desegregate the College of Charleston, she married the late Rev. Dr. Benjamin J. Whipper, Sr., is the mother of six children and is a proud grandmother; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Lucille Simmons Whipper** graduated from Talladega College where she received her B.A. in economics and sociology and became involved in a movement to integrate college student organizations throughout the state, received a M.A in political science at the University of Chicago and later received a certificate in guidance and counseling at South Carolina State University; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Lucille Simmons Whipper** served as an organizer and director of Operation Catch-Up in the late 1960s, which was a tutorial program for high school students and was the forerunner of the Upward Bound programs; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Lucille Simmons Whipper** was appointed to serve as Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Human Relations at the College of Charleston in 1972, becoming the College’s first African-American administrator and developed its first affirmative action plan; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Lucille Simmons Whipper** was elected to the District 20 Constituent School Board where she served from 1978-1982; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Lucille Simmons Whipper** was the first woman, African-American and non-legislator elected to the South Carolina Public Service Commission in 1980; **and,**

**WHEREAS, Lucille Simmons Whipper** organized the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture Committee, which founded the Avery Research Center for African American History and Culture in 1985, and that same year became the first female African-American legislator to be elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives from the Tri-County area and she served in the House until 1996.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** in meeting duly assembled, that **Charleston County Council** does hereby recognize **Lucille Simmons Whipper** for her contributions to the citizens of Charleston County and the State of South Carolina by promoting educational opportunities for African-Americans and historical preservation of African-American accomplishments.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL.**  
**Teddie E. Pryor, Chairman**  
**February 25, 2014**

**ZLDR  
AMENDMENTS  
MULTI-USE  
OVERLAY  
ZONING  
DISTRICT**

A report was read from the Planning/Public Works Committee under date of February 20, 2014, that it considered the information furnished by Kurt Taylor, County Administrator and Dan Pennick, Director of Planning, regarding proposed text amendments to the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance article 5.8, multiple use overlay zoning district, It was stated that the proposed ZLD Amendments would change the Multiple Use Floating Zone to the Multiple Use Overlay Zoning District to allow mixed use development for certain properties located within the Urban Growth Boundary.

Committee recommended approval.

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

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 1202 as amended was given first reading by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE**

**AMENDING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE NUMBER 1202, AS AMENDED: CHAPTER 5 OVERLAY AND SPECIAL PURPOSE ZONING DISTRICTS AND CHAPTER 12 DEFINITIONS.**

**CONSENT  
AGENDA A)  
2013 Edward  
Byrne  
JAG/Solicitor  
B) Victims of  
Crime Act  
Solicitor  
C) FY15  
SCODPS  
Highway  
Safety Grant  
Sheriff Code  
Enforcement  
Officer**

The Chairman announced that the next item was the Consent Agenda.

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

The Consent Agenda is as follows:

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Ninth Circuit Solicitor, Scarlett Wilson regarding the Edward Byrne memorial justice assistance

grant (jag) program which is a direct allocation grant funding program that must be used only for criminal justice initiatives. it was stated that the bureau of justice statistics (bjs) calculates the yearly award amount based on a formula of crime statistics and population and the award for Charleston County for 2013 is \$46,997, with the Solicitor's portion being \$14,099, or 30%. It was shown that the Solicitor's office is sharing the award with the Sheriff's Office whose share is \$32,898, or 70%. It was further shown that the Solicitor's Office is requesting to use the \$14,099 to fund a General Prosecutor for a limited amount of months, and the number of months which will be funded will be dependent upon the salary of the chosen prosecutor. It was further stated that the grant period will run from October 1, 2013 until September 30, 2016; that there is a 1.0 grant-funded FTE associated with this request; that the County will serve as the fiscal agent for the direct allocation award and at the conclusion of the grant period, the FTE will be dissolved if no further grant funding is available.

Committee recommended that Council allow the Solicitor's Office to accept a portion of Charleston County's direct allocation from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of \$14,099, with the understanding that this award will be used for.

- A General Prosecutor for a limited amount of months.
- The grant period will run from October 1, 2013 until September 30, 2016
- The County will serve as the fiscal agent for this award.

It is further understood that there is a 1.0 grant-funded FTE associated with this request. It is understood that at the conclusion of the grant period, the FTE will be dissolved if no further grant funding is available.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Ninth Circuit Solicitor, Scarlett Wilson regarding the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program Grant which is a competitive grant awarded by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety with U.S. Department of Justice funds. It was stated that the Solicitor's Office has been awarded a VOCA grant to fund one Victim Advocate for the past five years and this year, they are submitting an application to the VOCA grant program to request three Victim Advocates. It was shown that the Solicitor's Office is requesting to use the \$141,632 award to fund three at-large Victim Advocates to serve both Charleston and Berkeley Counties. It was further stated that the grant period will run from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015 and the 3 grant-funded FTEs associated with this request, will at the conclusion of the grant period, will be dissolved if no further grant funding is available. It was further shown that the match associated with this grant is in-kind and therefore does not cause an expense to the Solicitor's Office or to the County.

Committee recommended that Council allow the Solicitor's Office to apply for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program Grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$141,632 with the understanding that:

- the grant period will run from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015
- there are three (3) grant-funded FTEs associated with this request.

- there is no cash match associated with this request, and at the conclusion of the grant period, the FTEs will be dissolved if no further grant funding is available.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by Kurt Taylor, County Administrator and Charleston County Sheriff Al Cannon, regarding the Sheriff's Office request for permission to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding from the SC Department of Public Safety's (SCDPS) Office of Highway Safety (OHS) grant to combat drivers driving under the influence (DUI) in Charleston County. It was stated that the OHS grant program is a three-year project and this request to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding is for the first year of funding. It was shown that the purpose of these funds is to sustain the designated DUI Enforcement Team within the Sheriff's Office. The funds will cover two (2) grant funded FTE's, office supplies, radio fees, training, computer system, a digital message board, two (2) body cameras and in-state enforcement mileage costs for a total amount of \$180,975 and there is no match requirement under this grant which runs from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

Committee recommends that Council:

- Allow the Sheriff's Office to apply for and accept, if awarded, funding for the first year FY'15 Highway Safety Grant Program in the amount of \$180,975.
- The grant period is October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.
- There is no match requirement under this grant.
- It is understood that at the conclusion of the grant period, the County is under no obligation to retain these positions after the grant period has expired.

**Rural Greenbelt  
Projects A)  
Glover Park B)  
Community Life  
Enrichment  
Center C) Dupre  
Island D) Angel  
Oak Phase 1**

A report was read from the Finance Committee of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Bernard Ferrara, Deputy Charleston County Attorney, regarding the need to commission a new code enforcement officer. It was stated that the Charleston County Planning Department is requesting Council to commission Lisa McCray of the Charleston County Planning Department as a code enforcement officer for Charleston County.

Committee recommended that Council commission Lisa McCray of the Charleston County Planning Department as a Code Enforcement Officer for Charleston County with the commission effective immediately through December 31, 2014.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Cathy Ruff, Director of Greenbelt Program regarding a review of rural greenbelt project application, Glover Park.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Approve \$1,403,850 in rural funding for the Ten Mile Neighborhood Association's Glover Park greenbelt project, provided that upon approval, grant agreements will be executed between the County and appropriate parties.

2. Authorize the use of Rural Greenbelt funds to purchase this urban property in light of the following findings:
  - a. Section 5.6.1 of the Charleston County Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan states, "...rural funds can be used for the acquisition of land/or purchase of development rights on property in the rural area."
  - b. This section also states "The Rural Area of Charleston County is defined...as the municipalities and unincorporated areas that are located outside the Charleston County Urban Suburban Growth Boundary..."
  - c. The Ten Mile Neighborhood Association's Glover Park project is located within the urban area as defined in the County's Comprehensive Plan.
  - d. The parcel is uniquely located very near the County's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Permanent projection of this property will help to solidify the UGB.
  - e. This parcel is adjacent to park property owned by the neighborhood association and will be combined with the current park property thus providing additional opportunities for public access and use.
  - f. These one-of-a-kind factors combine to make it a proper use of rural greenbelt funds to form a portion of the purchase of this parcel, and County Council does not intend this action to serve as a suggestion that its general policy to allow the use of Rural area Greenbelt Funds for purchases inside the County's Urban/Suburban Boundary.
3. 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.
4. Approve the use of \$1,403,850 to be funded from a combination of Greenbelt Operating Contingency and/or 2011 General Obligation Bonds.
5. As a condition of approval, the County will have an appraisal completed on the property. In accordance with the Charleston County Greenbelt Bank Ordinance, greenbelt funds can be used to pay for land at or below the appraised fair market value.

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

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Cathy Ruff, Director of Greenbelt Program regarding a review of rural greenbelt project Community Life Enrichment Center application.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Approve \$591,500 in rural funding for the Community Life Enrichment Center, Inc. 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 \$591,500 to be funded from a combination of Greenbelt Operating Contingency and/or 2011 General Obligation Bonds.
4. As a condition of approval, if the planned improvements of the Community Life Enrichment Complex have not been fully funded after 5 years after closing, the title to the property will shift to the Park and Recreation Commission, with the same conditions and limitations stated in the grant agreement.

Mr. Summey moved approval of Committee recommendation, seconded by Ms. Johnson, and carried. Messrs. Schweers and Qualey voted nay. Mr. Sass abstained stating that he had appraised the property in question and furnished the Clerk with a statement so stating.

A report was read from the Finance Committee under date of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Cathy Ruff, Director of Greenbelt Program regarding a review of rural greenbelt project Dupre Island application.

Committee recommended that Council:

1. Approve \$15,000 in rural funding for the US Fish and Wildlife's Dupre Island 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 \$15,000 to be funded from a combination of Greenbelt Operating Contingency and/or 2011 General Obligation Bonds.

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

A report was read from the Finance Committee meeting under date of February 20, 2014 that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Cathy Ruff, Director of Greenbelt Program regarding a review of rural greenbelt project application for funding for Angel Oak Phase I

Committee recommended that Council:

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

| <b>Applicant</b>           | <b>Project Name</b> | <b>Project Type</b> | <b>Acres</b> | <b>Funding Amount</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Lowcountry Open Land Trust | Angel Oak Phase I   | Fee Simple          | 18.70        | \$2.5 million         |

- A. The property will be owned by the Lowcountry Open Land Trust and the land trust will enter into a long-term agreement for the CCPRC to manage the property.
- B. The land trust and the CCPRC will work with the City of Charleston to develop an agreement so that both the City's property, the 17 acre Angel Oak Phase II property and the 18.7 acre Phase I property will be managed in a complementary manner'
- C. Authorize the use of Rural Greenbelt funds to purchase this urban property in light of the following findings:
  - a. Section 5.6.1 of the Charleston County Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan states, "rural funds can be used for the acquisition of land/or purchase of development rights on property in the rural area."
  - b. This section also states "The Rural Area of Charleston County is defined...as the municipalities and unincorporated areas that are located outside the Charleston County Urban Suburban Growth Boundary..."
  - c. The Lowcountry Open Land Trust's Angel Oak Phase 1 project is located within the urban area as defined in the County's Comprehensive Plan.
  - d. The parcel is uniquely located adjacent to protected property that fall directly along the County's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Permanent projection of this property will serve to solidify the UGB.
  - e. This parcel is adjacent to the iconic and publicly beloved Angel Oak and will be managed in a manner that will complement the Angel Oak Park thus providing additional opportunities for public access and use.
  - f. These one-of-a-kind factors combine to make it a proper use of rural greenbelt funds to form a portion of the purchase of this parcel, and County Council does not intend this action to serve as a suggestion that its general policy to allow the use of Rural area Greenbelt Funds for purchases inside the County's Urban/Suburban Boundary.

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 \$2.5 million to be funded from a combination of Greenbelt Operating Contingency and/or 2011 General Obligation Bonds.

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

The Chairman asked if any Member wished to bring a matter before the Body. There was no affirmative response.

Beverly T. Craven  
Clerk of Council