

April 7, 2015
Charleston, SC

A meeting of County Council of Charleston County was held on the 7th day of April, 2015, in the Beverly T. Craven Council Chambers, Second Floor of the Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services Building, located at 4045 Bridge View Drive, North Charleston, South Carolina.

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

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

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

Chairman Summey requested that Deputy County Administrator for Human Services Jennifer Miller help Council recognize the Safety and Risk Management Department on receiving awards from SC Association of Counties. Ms. Miller reported that Charleston County Safety and Risk Management had received the South Carolina Counties Workers Compensation Trust 2014 Service Award and had been nominated by Berkeley and Beaufort Counties for assistance by Ron Puckett and Mike Schwerin with New Hire Orientation. She noted that this was the first time another county had nominated a sister county for recognition. Council recognized the employees of Safety and Risk Management for the award.

**Safety and
Risk
Management
Awards**

Ms. Miller also reported that the South Carolina Counties Workers Compensation Trust 2014 Outstanding Safety Achievement Award had been presented to Charleston County Safety and Risk Management Department for the Water Rest Shade Program designed by Bob Shumate. Mr. Shumate was recognized for receiving the award.

**Bob Shumate
Retirement**

Chairman Summey recognized Bob Shumate on his retirement. Mr. Shumate was employed by Charleston County for 35 years in various capacities working in the EMS Department and the Safety and Risk Management Department.

**2014
Composter
of the Year**

Chairman Summey asked Council Member Condon and Deputy Administrator for Transportation Development and Public Works Jim Armstrong to help recognize Charleston County Environmental Management employees as the department was named 2014 Composter of the Year by the US Composting Council, the national trade association for compost manufacturers. Compost Operations Manager Harvey

Gibson and Recycling Programs Director Carolyn Carusos were recognized for their efforts in helping Charleston County receive this honor.

A report was furnished by the Finance Committee under date of April 2, 2015, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Consolidated Dispatch Director Jim Lake regarding a resolution proclaiming April 12-18, 2015, Public Safety Telecommunicator Week in Charleston County.

Committee recommended that Council adopt the requested resolution.

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

The resolution is as follows:

**A RESOLUTION
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Honoring our Public Safety Telecommunicators and
Recognizing April 12-18, 2015 as "Public Safety Telecommunicator Week"**

Whereas, 9-1-1 is nationally recognized as the number to call in an emergency to receive immediate help from law enforcement, fire, EMS or other appropriate emergency response entities; and,

Whereas, Charleston County's 9-1-1 system, through Intergovernmental Agreement, has undergone a consolidation of emergency response communications, evolving into one Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the County; and,

Whereas, the Public Safety Telecommunicators are at the core of the 9-1-1 system and all emergency response efforts, making them our first "first responders", and recognizing that their jobs answering 9-1-1 calls and dispatching emergency response units are among the toughest of public service jobs; and,

Whereas, our Public Safety Telecommunicators provide critical service to our citizens and emergency response entities which requires enormous personal dedication, ongoing training, and professional skill; and,

Whereas, our Public Safety Telecommunicators have faced significant change and unique challenges due to the process of transition to full consolidated dispatch in Charleston County; and,

Whereas, the Charleston County Consolidated 9-1-1 Center serves 21 emergency response entities (Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, Rescue), answers over one million

Public Safety
Telecommunicator
Week

calls, with a growing number of 9-1-1 calls from wireless and IP-based communications services; and,

Whereas, the growth and variety of means of communications, including mobile and IP-based systems, and implementation of Text to 9-1-1, presents unique challenges for 9-1-1 and requires increased technology, transition, education and awareness; and,

Whereas, Charleston County Council is proud of the major accreditation goals quickly achieved following 9-1-1 consolidation, recognizing excellence in performance, best practices and service to citizens; and,

Whereas, Charleston County Council is proud of the dedication and professionalism of our Public Safety Telecommunicators, and the ongoing public safety awareness events which teach the importance and proper use of 9-1-1.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Charleston County Council honors our Public Safety Telecommunicators and recognizes April 12th through 18th as "Public Safety Telecommunicator Week" in Charleston County.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

J. Elliott Summey, Chairman
April 7, 2015

Chairman Summey suspended the County Council meeting and Council held a Zoning Public Hearing on a request to rezone the property located at 7409 Rock Street in the North Area, a public hearing on the issuance of General Obligation bonds by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission, and entertained public comments.

Chairman Summey reconvened the County Council meeting.

A report was furnished by the Finance Committee under date of April 2, 2015, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Council Member Henry Darby regarding a resolution endorsing the national minimum wage increase and urging County of Charleston businesses and employers to raise the wages for local employees to \$10.10.

Resolution
Endorsing
National
Minimum
Wage Increase

Committee recommended that Council adopt the requested resolution.

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

The resolution is as follows:

**A RESOLUTION
OF CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL**

**ENDORISING THE NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE
IN THE COUNTY OF CHARLESTON**

WHEREAS, a family of four with one full-time worker earning the \$7.25 minimum wage is 17 percent below the poverty line, including tax credits; **and**

WHEREAS, President Obama has called on Congress to raise the national minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 per hour; **and**

WHEREAS, a \$10.10 minimum wage would raise a family of four to above the poverty line – and in total, would lift an estimated 2 million families out of poverty; **and**

WHEREAS, raising the minimum wage nationwide will increase earnings for millions of workers, boost the bottom lines of businesses across the country by increasing productivity, and increased spending in the local economy; **and**

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2014, President Obama signed Executive Order 13658, “Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors,” to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 for all workers on Federal construction and service contracts; **and**

WHEREAS, a number of state legislatures and governors, mayors and city councils, county councils, and business owners have answered the President’s call and raised wages for their residents and employees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Charleston County Council endorses the national minimum wage increase and urges County of Charleston businesses and employers to raise the wages for local employees to \$10.10.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

J. Elliott Summey, Chairman
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A report was furnished from the Finance Committee under date of April 2, 2015, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor regarding a request received from the SC Association of Counties that each county adopt a resolution opposing the mandatory devolution of state roads.

Resolution
Opposing
Mandatory
Devolution of
State Roads
to Counties

Committee recommended that Council adopt the requested resolution.

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

Ms. Condon stated that she would have voted for an amended version of the resolution because she is opposed to the mandatory devolution of state roads to the counties, but she did not agree with the tone of the resolution as presented.

Mr. Schweers stated for the record, "I agree with the concept, but I do not agree with the sarcasm."

The resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE EFFORTS TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE FUNDING NEEDS FOR STATE MAINTAINED AND OPERATED ROADS AND BRIDGES WITHOUT TRANSFERRING THE BURDEN TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND OPPOSING ANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THROUGH LACK OF STATE FUNDING WILL LEAD TO INCREASED TAXES ON THE CITIZENS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Charleston County, along with the vast majority of citizens, acknowledges that South Carolina’s infrastructure is in desperate need of repairs and funding sources; **and**

WHEREAS, it is widely understood that the State has failed to sufficiently address and fund road and bridge projects over the years; **and**

WHEREAS, only 10% of the non-federal aid eligible secondary roads assigned for transfer are in good condition while 90% are in fair or poor condition, **and**

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is in a much better position to assess the needs and to perform the necessary maintenance on these roads in the state system, **and**

WHEREAS, H. 3579 claims that the dumping of State roads onto counties is "optional" and comes with "adequate" funding, but the option is left to the County Transportation Committee (CTC) and not the County Council and the proposed funding is insufficient to repair and maintain the nearly 19,000 miles of roads; **and**

WHEREAS, devolving this authority onto an appointed body renders this legislation constitutionally suspect; **and**

WHEREAS, if the CTC does not refuse the roads then the County is forced to accept the financial responsibility, maintenance, and liability of the roads; **and**

WHEREAS, the bill places too much power with the CTC, which is not liable or accountable to the taxpayers if the funding is insufficient or if the CTC elects to spend the money on other projects such as state-owned roads; **and**

WHEREAS, insufficient funding would result in a potential local tax increase on County citizens to pay for maintenance and repair on the deteriorating roads; **and**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Charleston County Council that it is opposed to any legislative efforts to transfer state-owned roads to local governments and requests that all members of the South Carolina General Assembly refuse further consideration of any proposed legislation.

CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL

J. Elliott Summey, Chairman
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ZLDR
Amendments/
Special
Events Uses

An ordinance amending the Zoning and Land Development Regulations was given second reading by title only.

Ordinance
2nd Reading

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

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 ordinance. The roll was called and votes were recorded as follows:

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

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

An ordinance granting an easement to the State Ports Authority was given second reading by title only.

State Ports Authority Easement/ Hubner

Ordinance 2nd Reading

**AN ORDINANCE
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT
TO SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS AUTHOIRTY
ON A PORTION OF COUNTY PROPERTY, IDENTIFIED AS
TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 537-00-00-062,
LOCATED AT 355 WANDO PLACE DRIVE, MT. PLEASANT, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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 ordinance. The roll was called and votes were recorded as follows:

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

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

PRC Bonds
A) Request to Approve
B) Ordinance
1st Reading

The next item on the agenda was approval and first reading of an ordinance approving the issuance of General Obligation bonds by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission. The Chairman announced that at the Council meeting of March 24, 2015, Council had authorized a public hearing to be held on the question of the issuance of the bonds and that the public hearing had been held at 6:30 PM on April 7, 2015, in Council Chambers.

Mr. Pryor moved approval of the proposed ordinance, seconded by Ms. Condon, and carried.

An ordinance approving the issuance of General Obligation bonds by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission was given first reading by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE
FINDING THAT CHARLESTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT MAY ISSUE
NOT EXCEEDING \$6,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO AUTHORIZE
CHARLESTON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT TO ISSUE SUCH BONDS**

AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE OF THE SAID FINDING AND AUTHORIZATION.

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

A report was furnished from the Finance Committee under date of April 2, 2015, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Sheriff J. Al Cannon, Jr. regarding the need to adopt a resolution approving the Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement between Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the City of North Myrtle Beach for an operation April through May 2015. It was stated that in accordance with a recent SC Supreme Court decision, County Council approval is required for a Sheriff's Office approved Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement to be valid.

Law
Enforcement
Assistance
and Support/
City of North
Myrtle Beach

Committee recommended that Council adopt a resolution to approve and ratify the Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement between Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the City of North Myrtle Beach for a period of May 14-25, 2015.

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

The resolution is as follows:

A RESOLUTION

To Approve Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement Between Charleston County Sheriff's Office and City of North Myrtle Beach

WHEREAS:

1. A recent South Carolina Supreme Court decision found that for a Sheriff's Office approved Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement to be valid, it would have to be approved by the County Council; and
2. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office has entered into a Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement with the City of North Myrtle Beach; and
3. Staff recommends that Council approve and ratify the Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement with the City of North Myrtle Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in meeting duly assembled, **CHARLESTON COUNTY COUNCIL** does hereby approve the Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Agreement with the City of North Myrtle Beach (attached and included herein by reference).

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J. Elliott Summey, Chairman
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New Library
Locations

A report was furnished from the Finance Committee under date of April 2, 2015, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Facilities and Capital Projects Director Dan Chandler regarding the need to select sites for the five new libraries to be constructed.

Committee recommended that Council approve:

A) Mt. Pleasant Library - Use the County owned Carolina Park property for the construction of a new 40,000 SF Mt. Pleasant Library.

B) Cooper River Library - Use the County owned Pinehaven property for construction of a new 15,000 SF Cooper River Library.

C) Hollywood Library - Use the proposed donated site from the Town of Hollywood for construction of a new 15,000 SF Hollywood Library.

D) West Ashley Library - Further investigate additional property options on the West Ashley Circle suitable for construction of a new 20,000 SF West Ashley library. Return to Library Board for final recommendation.

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

James Island
Library
Location
Public Forum

A report was furnished by the Special Finance Committee under date of April 7, 2015, that it considered the information furnished by County Administrator Kurt Taylor and Facilities and Capital Projects Director Dan Chandler regarding the need to select a site for the new James Island Library.

Committee recommended that Council schedule a public forum on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 4:30 PM in Council Chambers to gather input regarding the following three potential library locations:

1. The current site located at 1248 Camp Road.
2. The vacant building near Bi-Lo site located at 848/850 Folly Road.
3. The former Baxter Patrick Elementary School property located at 1858 South Grimball Road.

Mr. Pryor moved approval of the Committee recommendation, seconded by Mr. Rawl, and carried. Mr. Darby voted nay.

**Executive
Session**

Chairman Summey stated that there was a need for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Pryor moved for Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Condon, and carried.

Council entered into Executive Session. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Chairman Summey stated that no action had been taken during Executive Session.

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

Kristen L. Salisbury
Deputy Clerk of Council