

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2008,
9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY ST.,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

K. G. "Rusty" Smith, Jr., Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Vice-Chairman
H. Morris Anderson, Secretary-Chaplain
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member
J. Ken Ard, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

ABSENT:

Mitchell Kirby, Council Member

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the January 2, 2008 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. Copies of the agenda were faxed to members of the media and posted in the lobby of the City-County Complex and on the County's website (HYPERLINK "http://www.florenceco.org" www.florenceco.org).

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Anderson gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Alliance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008:

Chairman Smith stated he would relinquish the floor to the County Attorney to conduct the election of officers for 2008.

County Attorney Jim Rushton opened the floor for nominations for Officers for County Council for calendar year 2008. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council appoint the same slate of officers that were in place. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. There being no further nominations, the current slate of officers were elected by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the minutes of the December 6, 2007 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings.

APPEARANCES:

There were no scheduled appearances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

Committee Chairman Anderson provided an update on the Environmental Services facility.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2007/08

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 15-2007/08: A Resolution Establishing A Grievance Procedure In Order To Enhance Compliance With The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Requirement For The Prompt And Equitable Resolution Of Complaints Alleging Discrimination In Access To Florence County's Facilities, Programs Or Services And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 14-2007/08: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Sarah W. Johnson, etal. Located At 2518 Alligator Road, Florence From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To B-2, Convenience Business District Shown On Florence County Tax Map 126, Block 1, Parcel 54 Consisting of .94 Acres. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2007/08 – THIRD READING DEFERRED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2007/08: An Ordinance For A Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment To Change The Land Use Map Designation For Property In Florence County Located On Pocket Road Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 202, Block 1, The Portion Of Parcel 72 Consisting Of Approximately 72.58 Acres That Is Currently Business/Industrial To Existing Residential; The Remaining Portion Of The Parcel Consisting Of Approximately 20.5 Acres That Is Currently Business/Industrial To Remain Business/Industrial. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council defer third reading of the Ordinance and remand the item to the Planning Commission for further review. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford recognized members of the Pocket Road community in attendance and thanked them for their input on the matter. Dr. Whitehead requested to speak on the matter. He asked that the Planning Commission specifically meet with the community regarding conservation issues, etc.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 16-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Owned By Twenty-Four Property Owners Located On Hazel Drive, Florence To R-2, Single-Family Residential District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 101-1, Block 1, Parcels 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 29.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code To Provide For The Appointment Of Planning Commission And

Board Of Zoning Appeals Members, And To Establish The Effective Date For Such Appointments.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 18-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Zoning Ordinance Of Florence County Section 2.5-Table III, Section 3.21, Section 5.2-Table VIII, Section 7.6 And Section 7.7 For Setbacks, Text Errors, Accessory Structure Rules And Commercial And Industrial Property Access.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend Article 9 Of The Zoning Ordinance Of Florence County To Provide For The Composition Of The Planning Commission And Board Of Zoning Appeals For Florence County.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Amending Florence County Code Chapter 6 – Animals And Fowl, In Its Entirety To Clarify Animal Care And Control Regulations.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the appointment of Mr. Randy McDonald as recommended by the Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse to fill At-Large Seat 3, replacing William McDaniel, who resigned. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly financial reports were provided to Council for fiscal year 2008 through November 30, 2007 as an item for the record.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

GRANT AWARD SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Councilman Ard made a motion Council accept the SCEMD HMEP Planning grant #HMESC7042150 award from the SC Emergency Management Division in the amount of \$6,000 to be used to develop, print, and distribute the County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) brochure/pamphlet as specified under the HMEP Planning Grant program and authorize the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts within the Grant Fund. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE/HUMAN RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement for the

County's continued participation in the South Carolina Association of Counties Workers' Compensation Deductible Plan and authorize the County Administrator to execute all related documents. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

LIBRARY

SOLE SOURCE AWARD

Councilman Ard made a motion Council accept the sole source request and award the purchase of an Eco-Master Disc Repair System from Research Technology International Company for the Library in the amount of \$17,545 to be funded with \$12,987 from Fund 42 Grants, Department 929 South Carolina Education Lottery Funds and \$4,558 from Fund 42, Grants, Department 700 Video Fine Fees; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents for this purchase. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PLANNING

BID AWARD

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council accept the lowest compliant bid from Boykin Contracting, Inc., of West Columbia, SC, for construction repairs and renovations on the interior of the new Planning Building in the amount of \$149,000; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PURCHASING AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Ard made a motion Council declare vehicles (1 -1996 Ford Van; 1 – 2005 Ford Crown Vic; 4 – 2002 Ford Crown Vics; 5 – 2001 Ford Crown Vics) as surplus property and authorize the County Administrator to dispose of said property in the most advantageous manner; and, approve the request from the Town of Scranton to remove V#1222 from the list and donate the vehicle to the Town with \$1,000 infrastructure funding to be taken equally from Council Districts 1 and 5. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR

CIVIC CENTER – ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

County Administrator Richard Starks stated a last minute request was received through the Civic Center for the Athletic Hall of Fame for \$5,000 from Council Districts 2 and 9 infrastructure funding allocations (\$2,500 from each district) to support the Athletic Hall of Fame. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

PROSSER FIELD JOHNSONVILLE

Councilman Ard made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 2 Infrastructure funding allocation in an amount up to \$9,000.00 to assist with renovations to public restrooms at Prosser Field in Johnsonville. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Starks stated all information related to executive session items had not been received so there would not be a need for an executive session.

There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Anderson made a motion Council adjourn. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:23 A.M.

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