

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member
J. Ken Ard, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
Mike Abbott, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Sheriff Kenney Boone
Ray McBride, Library Director
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

ABSENT:

Alphonso Bradley, Council Member

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 6, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the minutes of the January 17, 2008 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings.

APPEARANCES:

MARSHALL YARBOROUGH

Mrs. Yarbrough appeared before Council to provide updated information on the Mars Bluff Broken Arrow Bomb Site 50th Anniversary Commemoration scheduled for March 11, 2008. (A copy of the information provided is

attached.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SERVICES & COUNTY PLANNING

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2007/08 – SECOND READING

Committee Chairman Schofield made a motion Council recall and approve on second reading Ordinance No. 17-2007/08 with revisions: An Ordinance To Provide For The Composition And Appointment Of The Florence County Planning Commission And Florence County Board Of Zoning Appeals; To Establish The Effective Date For Such Appointments; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2007/08 – SECOND READING

Committee Chairman Schofield made a motion Council recall and table Ordinance No. 19-2007/08: 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. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee Chairman Mumford stated the Committee had no report. Councilman Anderson requested something be done regarding litter enforcement. Chairman Smith requested County Administrator Richard Starks ensure vehicles hauling waste from the manned convenience centers were properly covered when leaving the sites. Mr. Starks responded that the County had contacted Waste Management regarding these types of issues. In response to a question, Sheriff Kenney Boone stated the inmates were placed in an area to pick up trash and within a week the litter was back just as bad as before. In addition, traffic along the roadways doesn't slow down for individuals picking up trash which creates a hazardous situation for individuals picking up trash.

EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

Committee Chairman Anderson stated one public meeting was held to receive public comment with regard to Ordinance No. 20-2007/08 regarding animal control and an additional meeting was scheduled for February 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Chambers. He stated the animal shelter had been re-bid in an attempt to reduce the cost to within the budgeted amounts previously approved by Council for the project.

AD HOC WATER STUDY COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Ard stated he did not have a report, but that preliminary information was previously provided to members of Council regarding water taps within and outside the City limits of the City of Florence. He requested Council's support to form some type of consensus or "game plan" to tackle the problem and formulate a response to deal with the situation.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2007/08

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 19-2007/08: A Resolution For The Naming Of A Private Road Located Off North Church Street In Lower Florence County Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 197,

Block 31, Parcel 1 To Betty Blue Lane; For The Naming Of A Private Road Located Off Allen Road In Florence County Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 252, Block 1, Parcel 2 To Gator Bay Lane; For The Naming Of A Private Road Located Off Pecan Grove Road In Florence County Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 280, Block 1, Parcel 18 To Bill Gregg Drive; For The Naming Of A Private Road Located Off Savannah Grove Road In Florence County Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 102, Block 1, Parcel 266 To T&W Lane; For The Naming Of A Private Road Located Off Center Road Located In Florence County Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 58, Block 4, Parcel 22 To Half Mile Lane; For The Naming Of A Private Road Located Off Trails End Road Located In Florence County Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 185, Block 1, Parcel 17 To Ferney Lee Road; For The Naming Of A Private Road Located Off Silkwood Road In Florence County Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 38, Block 4, Parcel 9 To Kleer Lane. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 16-2007/08: 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. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Establish User And Hazardous Substance Reimbursement Fees To Support Hazardous Materials Response Capabilities And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Clebe G. Eaddy And Debbie C. Eaddy Located On Carolyn Avenue, Florence From B-3, General Commercial District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-095, Block 1, Parcels 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

There were no appointments to Boards or Commissions.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the request to contract for professional engineering services for the drainage system improvements in the Pee Dee Commerce Park with Alliance Consulting Engineers in the

amount of \$27,500 to be funded from eligible funds available for reallocation with \$24,052 from PDEC/FC Dec 05 Agreement and \$3,448 PDEC-FC Dec 06 Agreement; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

BID AWARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the lowest compliant bid from G&M Builders, Inc., for the construction of the Lake City SCDOT Pedestrian Pathways Project in the amount of \$261,076.70; authorize up to \$55,679.54 additional funds from Council District 1 Infrastructure allocation, and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMS

BID AWARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the bid of the low responsive bidder Peach State Ambulance for the purchase of two (2) ambulances for the Florence County EMS in the amount of \$236,277; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PURCHASING AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council declare four (4) vehicles (2 Crown Vic's, 1 Tahoe, and 1 Grand Marquis), a bush hog mower and a snow plow as surplus property and authorize the County Administrator to dispose of said property in the most advantageous manner. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion. County Administrator Richard Starks stated that as a matter for the record there was a vehicle 776 listed but that was a typographical error it should be vehicle 766. Motion was approved unanimously.

RECREATION

BID AWARD

Councilman Ard made a motion Council accept the lowest compliant bid from Carolina Sport Surfaces for the repair and resurfacing of five (5) tennis courts at Johnsonville Middle School in the amount of \$23,677; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Ard made a motion Council declare four (4) Crown Vic's and eight (8) light bars as surplus property and authorize the County Administrator to dispose of said property as follows: sell V#0726 2000 Crown Vic to Florence Rescue Squad for \$1,000; sell V#1279 2001 Crown Vic to Johnsonville Fire District for \$1,000; sell V#0873 2003 Crown Vic to Olanda Police Department for \$1,000; sell V#0875 2003 Crown Vic to Olanda Police

Department for \$1,000; donate four (4) light bars to Johnsonville Fire District; and donate four (4) light bars to Lake City Police Department. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

PEE DEE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council Districts 3 and 7 Infrastructure funding allocations in an amount up to \$3,789.16 (\$1,894.58 from each district) to assist the Pee Dee Community Action Partnership with the purchase of doors and panic bars that were cited by the Fire Marshal as a hazard at the Weed & Seed Safe Haven. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SARDIS-TIMMONSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 4 Infrastructure funding allocation in an amount up to \$11,315.00 to help with the concrete pad for a new fire station. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council enter executive session to discuss contractual matters concerning pending real property transactions and contractual matters relating to economic development. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Council entered executive session at 9:39 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:13 a.m. and, subsequent to executive session, took the following actions:

PORTABLE RESTROOMS:

Councilman Ard made a motion Council authorize the portable restroom (asset #3502) previously declared surplus to be retained as a county asset for use at other county locations. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX:

Councilman Schofield made a motion that \$300,000 of the FY07 General Obligation Bond designated for use at the City-County Complex be utilized first for replacement of the cooling tower and to design and improve parking areas on Baroody Street. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2007/08:

Councilman Ard made a motion Council approve Resolution No. 20-2007/08: a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman of the Florence County Council to Execute and Convey a Quitclaim Deed and Bill of Sale to Wellman Incorporated Pursuant to Certain Lease Agreements Dated December 1, 1995 and December 1, 1999, Respectively. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FLORENCE FORWARD PROJECT

Councilman Anderson made a motion authorize the County Council Chairman, County Administrator, and/or SCDOT to execute construction contracts bid and recommend for award by SCDOT in accordance with SC Law to advance the Florence County Forward Project as expeditiously as possible. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Smith announced there would be a “Signing Ceremony” at West Florence Fire Department, Monday, February 11, 2008 to start the Pine Needles Project.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 A.M.

H. MORRIS ANDERSON
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN

CONNIE Y. HASELDEN
CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL

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