

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Department Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 20, 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 Kirby made a motion Council approve the minutes of the February 7, 2008 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing to receive public comment on Ordinance No. 21-2007/08: An Ordinance To Establish User and Hazardous Substance Reimbursement Fees To Support Hazardous Materials Response Capabilities and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee Chairman Mumford stated the Committee had no report but the Committee planned to meet prior to the next regular meeting of County Council.

EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

Committee Chairman Anderson stated bids were out on the proposed animal facility. He expressed appreciation for the funding received from the public, as well as individual members of County Council. He informed the group that two public meetings were held to receive public comment with regard to Ordinance No. 20-2007/08 regarding animal control and a worksession of the Committee was pending in order to present Council as a whole with a recommendation on the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley stated he received a number of questions from constituents regarding the status of Brooks-McCall Park. He provided an update on the project and announced that a community meeting was scheduled for March 7th to determine preferred activities for the park.

AD HOC WATER STUDY COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Ard stated he did not have a report, but that a meeting was scheduled for February 27th at 4:30 p.m. He invited all of Council to attend.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2007/08

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 21-2007/08: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment Of Cavalier Circle Located In The Scranton Area. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2007/08: 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 Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The following individuals spoke in favor of Ordinance No. 21-2007/08:

John Jeffries
James McCracken

There being no additional signatures on the sign-in sheet, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 21-2007/08.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2007/08 – SECOND READING

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2007/08: An Ordinance To Establish User And Hazardous Substance Reimbursement Fees To Support Hazardous Materials Response Capabilities And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2007/08 – SECOND READING

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2007/08: 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. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the recommendation of the Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board of Directors for the nomination of Pamela Varela Rhoads to Governor Sanford for appointment to the Board. Councilman Ard 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 January 31, 2008 as an item for the record.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AWARD OF BID #13-07/08

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the bid of the low responsive bidder, Fisher Safety, for the purchase of personal protective equipment for Emergency Management in the amount of \$19,544.11 and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROBATE COURT

STATE HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD GRANT

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council accept the State Historical Records Advisory Board (SC SHRAB) grant in the amount of \$849 for Probate Court to microfilm Estate Papers, years 1916-1959; and authorize the

County Administrator to make all necessary adjustments to administer the grant. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

AWARD OF BID #15-07/08

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the bid of the low responsive bidder, Blanchard Machinery Co., for the purchase of one (1) Articulating All Wheel Drive Loader for Florence County Public Works in the amount of \$122,104.80; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Councilman Ard stated he had an indirect interest in the item and recused himself from voting on the matter. The motion was approved.

AWARD OF BID #17-07/08

Chairman Smith stated several members of Council expressed concerns regarding cost variance in the Award of Bid #17-07/08 for the purchase of two (2) 32,000 lb. Class Motorgraders for Public Works. There being no objections, the item was deferred to the next meeting to allow staff to provide additional information.

PURCHASING AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

AWARD OF BID #03-07/08

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council accept the bid of the low responsive bidder, All American Roofing and Construction, for the Roof Replacement Project for Lake City Public Services Building in the amount of \$47,500; and authorize the County Administrator to execute all associated documents to proceed. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF) FUND

NICOLE LANE

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 5 RSMF funding allocations in an amount up to \$11,580.10 for MBC stone and crushed asphalt for Nicole Lane. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council enter executive session to discuss contractual matters concerning pending real property transactions and potential contractual matter related to Waste Management. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Council entered executive session at 9:23 a.m.

Council reconvened at 9:47 a.m. and, subsequent to executive session, took the following actions:

TIMMONSVILLE LIBRARY

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to proceed with surveys, appraisals, all documentation, and acceptance of donation of land on US Hwy 76 (parcel 7007-13-007 and/or a portion thereof

owned by Kate Floyd and family) for the Timmonsville Library to be funded from appropriations for the library branch, consisting of FY07 General Obligation Bond proceeds and related construction funds, including grants and state appropriations. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OLANTA LIBRARY

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to proceed with surveys, appraisals, acceptance, all documentation, and purchase of land on E. Hampton Street (parcels 04520-03-069 and 070 for \$75,000 and \$12,000 respectively) for the Olanta Library, to be funded from appropriations for the library branch, consisting of FY07 General Obligation Bond proceeds and related construction funds, including grants and state appropriations. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OLD COUNTY LIBRARY

Councilman Ard made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to proceed to develop and release an offer for proposals providing for rehabilitation, preservation, and possibly sale of the old County Library building located on Irby Street, preserving into perpetuity the interests of citizens of Florence County in the historical aspects of the building, and appointing Council member Waymon Mumford to serve on the proposal evaluation committee. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OLD EBENEZER ROAD

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to proceed with the leasing of land on Old Ebenezer Road and Ebenezer Road for development of public uses in conjunction with the adjacent County Park, said lease for parcel no. 00075-01-118 from C. Edward Floyd (Bubby Floyd) to be for \$1.00 per year and to be executed by the County Administrator subject to review and approval by the County Attorney. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SUPPORT OF REUSE-A-SHOE RECYCLING EVENT

Councilman Anderson made a motion for Council to proclaim its support of The Smoothie King Reuse-A-Shoe Recycling Event in Florence County. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MARS BLUFF ATOMIC BOMB COMMEMORATIVE EVENT

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council authorize up to \$4,800 combination Public Works In-Kind Services and Council District 6 Infrastructure funding allocations to support the City-County Historical Commission's anniversary events recognizing the historical significance of the Mars Bluff Atomic Bomb/Broken Arrow site in Florence County, and directing the County Administrator to proceed with support of the events, including temporary leasing of the associated land parcels subject to approval by the County Attorney, providing for out-of-pocket owner expense reimbursements not to exceed \$500. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:55 A.M.

H. MORRIS ANDERSON
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN

CONNIE Y. HASELDEN
CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL

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