

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 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
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:

Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member

A notice of the special called meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the June 25, 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 Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

Chairman Smith stated this was truly another auspicious occasion as Council paid tribute to Florence County's newest corporate citizen – Monster.com. He provided a brief overview of Monster Worldwide South Carolina, Inc. Monster is the largest job search engine in the world with over one million postings, 95 million resumes in their data base and 63 million job seekers utilizing their services per month, with approximately 5,000 employees in 36 different countries. The project started several months ago with 3,600 sites being considered. He commended Florence County Economic Development Partnership, County Council, Council of Government and the Department of Commerce for bringing this project to fruition for Florence County.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Chairman opened public hearings for the following Ordinances and the Clerk published the titles:

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2007/08

An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park By

And Between Florence County And Williamsburg County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park So As To Include Additional Property In Florence County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 39-2007/08

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Monster Worldwide South Carolina, Inc., With Respect To Certain Economic Development Property, Whereby Such Property Will Be Subject To Certain Payments In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2007/08

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 41-2007/08: A Resolution Authorizing the execution and delivery of a memorandum of understanding and an inducement and millage rate agreement by and among Monster Worldwide South Carolina, Inc. and Florence County. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2007/08 – SECOND READING

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 41-2007/08: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Cedell And Sylvia C. Burgess Located At 605 Davis Street, Lake City And Leroy Burgess Located In The 400 Block Of Green Haven Avenue, Lake City From R-4, Multi-Family Residential District To RU-1, Rural Community District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00169, Block 31, Parcels 54 And 12 Consisting Of 11.53 +/- Acres. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets, the Chairman closed the public hearings.

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ORDINANCE NO. 39-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 38-2007/08: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Project JLL, With Respect To Certain Economic Development Property, Whereby Such Property Will Be Subject To Certain Payments In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:12 A.M.

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