

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ROOM 803, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY STREET,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

K. G. "Rusty" Smith, Jr., Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Vice-Chairman
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member
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 Yokim, Finance Director
William H. Hoge, Planning Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
Gene Wells, Senior Center Director
Nikki Rotan, Senior Center
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

ABSENT:

H. Morris Anderson, Secretary-Chaplain

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the July 15, 2009 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, the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library, and on the County's website (www.florenceco.org).

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. In the absence of Secretary-Chaplain Anderson (due to illness), Councilman Kirby gave the invocation. Vice Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance 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 June 18, 2009 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk published the title and the Chairman declared the public hearing open for the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2008/09

An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Property Owned By Florence County Designated As Tax Map Nos. 90087-08-003, 90087-08-004 And 90087-08-005 To LIBRIS Redevelopment, LLC, And To Authorize The County Council Chairman To Execute An Option To Purchase Real Estate, Subject To County Attorney Review.

APPEARANCES:

DAVID N. WILLIAMS, CITY MANAGER, CITY OF FLORENCE

Drew Griffin, City Of Florence Public Works Director Appeared Before County Council On Behalf Of The City Of Florence To Present An Update On The Progress Of The Tennis Complex And The Access Road. Chairman Smith recognized Councilwoman O'Bryan and commended her for her participation in the project. The Chairman also commended Dr. Eddie Floyd for his continuous contributions to enhance programs in the Florence community. In response to a question by the Chairman, County Administrator Richard Starks stated the presentation would be received primarily as information and if there were no objections by Council, staff would proceed to process the appropriate requests for payment for the County's commitment on the access road for the project.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FLORENCE

Cynthia Williams, Executive Director And Danny Roseborough Presented A Proposal Regarding A Project To Develop An Affordable Housing Community In An Area Of The City Of Florence Targeted By Local Officials For Redevelopment. Chairman Smith commended the Housing Authority for initiating such a worthwhile project and said he would provide a letter on behalf of County Council to express Council's support for the Housing Authority to apply for federal funding for the proposed project. Councilmen Mumford and Bradley expressed interest and support for the project and commended Mr. Roseborough for his efforts on the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE & COUNTY PLANNING

Committee Chairman Schofield stated the Committee on Public Service & County Planning met at 8 a.m. prior to the regular meeting of Council and recommended Ordinance No. 28-2008/09 be reported out for second reading. Councilman Ard made a motion Council pull Ordinance No. 28-2008/09 from the Inactive Agenda for consideration of second reading at the appropriate time on the agenda. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Committee Chairman Schofield stated the Committee also discussed sign regulations and would continue those discussions.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2009/10

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 01-2009/10: A Resolution For The Naming Of A Private Road Located Off Alvin Kirby Road In Florence County Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 00106, Block 1, Parcel 102 To Chipmunk Drive. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2008/09 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 34-2008/09: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Thurman L. Graham Located At 1140 N. Matthews Road, Lake City From RU-1, Rural Community District To B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00166, Block 31, Parcel 065 Consisting Of 1.268 Acres. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2008/09 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 36-2008/09: An Ordinance To Ratify FY09 Budget And Grant Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheet, the Chairman closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2008/09 – THIRD READING

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ORDINANCE NO. 38-2008/09 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 38-2008/09: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Randy H. Coker Located On Devonshire Road, Lake City From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To R-2, Single-Family Residential District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00167, Block 31, Parcel 127 Consisting Of 4.00 Acres. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2008/09 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 28-2008/09: An Ordinance To Amend Section 30-246 Of The Florence County Code To Enhance The General Locational Rules Regarding Accessory Buildings and Uses. Councilman Ard made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2009/10 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 02-2009/10 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Dorothy Martin Tate Properties Located Off E. Macree Terrace And Gable Terrace, Florence County From R-2, Single-Family Residential District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 01812, Block 1, Parcels 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 353, 357, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 375, 377 Consisting Of 6.6 Acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2009/10 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 03-2009/10 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Young Brothers Properties Located At I-95, Florence County From RU-1, Rural Community District To B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00075, Block 01, Parcel 005 Consisting Of 7.2 Acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2009/10 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 04-2009/10 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 30. Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-8 Regarding Zoning Map Designations And Sections 30-29; 30-111 And 30-311 Regarding The Correction Of Several Minor Text Errors Of The Florence County Code.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council appoint W. Joe McMillan, Jr. to fill seat 8 of the Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse with appropriate expiration term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

JOHNSONVILLE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Councilman Ard made a motion Council re-appoint Vernon M. Tanner and appoint Billy Marlow (to replace Harry Evans) to serve on the Johnsonville Rural Fire District Board, with appropriate expiration terms. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WINDY HILL/OLANTA RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council re-appoint David Hobbs to serve on the Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Fire District Board, with appropriate expiration term. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WEST FLORENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council re-appoint Linda Lang to Seat 5 and appoint David Wooten to fill a vacancy in seat 4 of the West Florence Fire Department with appropriate expiration term. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2009 Through May 31, 2009 As An Item For The Record.

FLORENCE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator To Obtain And Award Quotes For Extension Of A Road And Stormwater Improvements In The Florence Industrial Park, Estimated At \$125,000, To Be Funded From FY10 Capital Project Funds Appropriated In Fund 111, Contingent On The City Of Florence Funding And Providing Necessary Water And Sewer Extensions. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

GRANT AWARD SC DHEC

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Accept Grant Award #21 wo 10 In The Amount Of \$3,730 As Approved By The South Carolina Department Of Health And Environmental Control (SC DHEC) Under The FY10 Used Oil Grant Program To Cover Contract Costs For Used Oil Filter Recycling, Public Education, And Professional Development For The Recycling Coordinator. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

GRANT AWARD SOUTH CAROLINA BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept A First Responder Interoperability Grant Award Made In Accordance With Proviso 80A.45 Of The 2008/2009 Appropriations Act In The Amount Of \$10,823.82 From The South Carolina Budget And Control Board To Cover Service Contract Costs For The 800 MHz Radio System For The Florence County Emergency Management Department. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY IN PAMPLICO

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator to Petition the Town of Pamplico For The New EMS Station Site In Pamplico To Be Annexed Into The Town Of Pamplico. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

FY2010 STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ALLOCATIONS

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of \$250,000 In State Accommodations Tax Funding Allocations As Recommended By The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee For FY2009/2010. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MUSEUM DEPARTMENT

GRANT AWARD – DRS. BRUCE AND LEE FOUNDATION

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve A Multi-Year Grant Contract And All Terms Therein With Drs. Bruce And Lee Foundation To Provide Funding In The Amount Of \$3,900,000 For Construction Of The New Florence County Museum. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve A Memorandum Of Understanding Between SC Department Of Natural Resources And Florence County To Construct An Archery Range At Lynches River County Park; And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute All Documents, Subject To Review By The County Attorney. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

AWARD OF BID #24-08/09

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid #24-08/09 For Site Group Pond Rehabilitation Work At The Pee Dee Touchstone Energy Commerce Center To RWF Construction, Effingham SC, In The Amount Of \$131,530 As Recommended By Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, And Accept Additional Rural Development Act (RDA) Funds In The Amount Of \$75,000 From Pee Dee Electric Cooperative; And Authorize The County Administration To Proceed. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

AWARD RFP #27-08/09

Chairman Smith recognized members of the Senior Center Commission and staff that were present at the meeting and commended them for the excellent job they were doing at the Senior Center. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Award RFP #27-08/09 For The Design-Build Of The Exercise Room Expansion At The Leatherman Senior Center To Fields Construction Company In The Amount Of \$84,810. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SHERIFF OFFICE

GRANT AWARD SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Accept Award Of Grant #1V07318 In The Amount Of \$37,600 From The South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Under The Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) Program For Victim/Witness Advocate Vehicle Replacements For The Florence County Sheriff Office. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

GRANT AWARD SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Accept Grant #1G09014 From The South Carolina Department Of Public Safety, Justice Assistance Grant Program In The Amount Of \$64,281 For A Sheriff Office Criminal Domestic Violence Investigator For The Third/Final Grant Year, After Which The County Will Fund The Investigator. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

GRANT AWARD SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Accept Grant #1G09015 From The South Carolina Department Of Public Safety, Justice Assistance Grant Program In The Amount Of \$65,763 For A Sheriff Office Gang/Juvenile Crime Investigator For The Third/Final Grant Year, After Which The County Will Fund The Investigator. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

GRANT AWARD UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Submission Of A Grant Application In The Amount Of \$66,383 Under The FY09 USDOJ Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Local Solicitation Program To Provide Supplies And Capital Replacement Equipment At The Florence County Sheriff Office. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

AWARD PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN SERVICES

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Approve The Recommendation Of The Voter Registration/Election Commission And Committee On Public Service And County Planning To Award The Professional Architectural Design Services For The New Voter Registration/Elections Building To Collins And Associates, Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$75,250, Plus Reimbursables Estimated To Cost \$6,500; And Authorize The County Administrator To Proceed With Design And Bid Of The Building. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$2,592.00 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City Police Department With The Purchase Of Equipment To Be Used For A Summer Youth Program And Training For Various Public Safety Departments. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TIMROD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$4,750.00 From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist Timrod Elementary School With The Purchase Of Sturdy Outdoor Benches And A Digital Piano. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF OLANTA

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve An Emergency Request To Reallocate Funds From Council District 5 Infrastructure/Utility Previously Authorized For Olanta Water Line Extension To Be Used To Assist With The Emergency Sewer Repair For The Town Of Olanta. *[Funds previously authorized by County Council at the January 15, 2009 meeting, from Council District 5 Utility funds up to \$6,500 for Town of Olanta to install water line on Highway 341]*. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF) FUND

MAPLE DRIVE

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$6,000.00 From Council District 1 RSMF Funding Allocation To Put Crushed Asphalt On Maple Drive. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FLOWERS ROAD

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$27,306.75 From Council Districts 1 And 2 RSMF Funding Allocations (\$13,653.38 From Each District) To Put MBC Stone And Crushed Asphalt On Flowers Road. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TRAILWOOD DRIVE

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$27,818.64 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocation To Put MBC Stone And Crushed Asphalt On Trailwood Drive. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SUNNYSIDE ROAD

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$25,000.00 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Resurface Sunnyside Road With 1 ½" Of Hot Laid Asphalt. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

VINTAGE PLACE SUBDIVISION

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$90,000.00 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Resurface Trenton Street, Ashton Street, and Barclay Street in Vintage Place Subdivision With 1 ½" Of Hot Laid Asphalt. 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 Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:01 A.M.