

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010, 10:00 A.M., LYNCHES RIVER
COUNTY PARK COMMUNITY BUILDING, 1110 BEN GAUSE
ROAD, COWARD, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

K. G. “Rusty” Smith, Jr., Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Vice-Chairman
H. Morris Anderson, Secretary-Chaplain (entered the meeting at 10:16 a.m.)
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
Malloy McEachin, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News

ABSENT:

J. Ken Ard, Council Member

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the December 8, 2010 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. Vice Chairman Mumford provided the invocation and Councilman Kirby 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 November 18, 2010 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2010/11

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Project ICE, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2010/11

An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park Dated December 1, 1998, 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 Provide For A Fee On Personal Property Located Within A Portion Of The Joint County Industrial And Business Park And Special Source Revenue Credit On The Fee, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

STERLING SADLER AND THE EDC COMMITTEE

Mrs. Sadler And Members Of The Environmental Discovery Center (EDC) Committee Appeared Before Council To Present Awards Won By The EDC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION TO GEORGE C. BRADLEY, Ph.D.

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve a Resolution Of Recognition For George C. Bradley, Ph.D., A Native Florentine, In Honor Of His Laudable Achievements. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety and Councilmen Mumford and Bradley presented Dr. Bradley with the framed Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2010/11

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 05-2010/11: A Resolution Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Incentive Agreement By And Among ICE Recycling, LLC, And Florence County And Approving A Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement With Respect To Certain Property. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 09-2010/11: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Sign Regulations, Section 30-202, Table VII-Regulation Signs By Type, Characteristics And Zoning Districts And Table VIII-Number, Dimension, And Location Of Permitted Signs By Zoning District; Section 30-205, Temporary Signs On Private Property; And Section 30-311, Definitions, Conflict With Other Laws To Revise The Portable Signs Regulations. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 10-2010/11: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By William Michael Nexsen Located At 1217 Pheasant Road, Florence County From R-3, Single-Family Residential District To RU-1, Rural Community District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00127, Block 01, Parcel 286 Consisting Of Approximately 1.02 Acres. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 11-2010/11: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Wellman Plastics Recycling, 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 Rodgers made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets for public hearing of Ordinance No. 12-2010/11 or Ordinance No. 14-2010/11, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2010/11 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 12-2010/11: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Project ICE (**ICE Recycling, LLC**), 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 Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2010/11 – MOVED TO INACTIVE

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council move Ordinance No. 13-2010/11 to the Inactive Agenda: An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park Dated As Of February 6, 2006, 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/Business Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2010/11 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 14-2010/11: An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park Dated December 1, 1998, 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 Provide For A Fee On Personal Property Located Within A Portion Of The Joint County Industrial And Business Park And Special Source Revenue Credit On The Fee, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

There were none.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

2011 CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The 2011 Calendar Of Meeting Dates And Holidays. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DONATION OF PROPERTY

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Authorize The Acceptance Of The Former Human Resources Building Located On Highway 41/51 And Adjoining 1.32 Acres Land Parcel In Johnsonville By Deed From Wellman Plastics Recycling. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

APPLICATION FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE AMBULANCE FRANCHISES

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Award A Non-Exclusive Ambulance Franchise To HeartLine Transport Services, LLC. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT/GRANTS

H.M. AND PEARL KYLE FOUNDATION, INC.

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept A Grant From The H.M. And Pearl Kyle Foundation, Inc. In The Amount Of \$2,000 To Provide Interactive Exhibits At The Environmental Discovery Center (EDC) And Various Other Park Projects. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTIONS

WAIVER OF COUNTY CODE SECTION 30-210

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve A Waiver Of The Florence County Code Of Ordinances *Section 30-210. Relocation Of Billboards Due To Governmental Land Acquisition* For Florence County Forward Road Project Sign Relocations. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

UNIFORMS FOR COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize The Continued Procurement Of Uniforms For County Departments From Uniforms By John As A Sole Source Provider To Be Paid From Previously Approved Departmental Funds. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

PAMPLICO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of An Amount Up To \$25,000.00 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Pamplico Fire Department With The Purchase Of A 1999 Fire Truck From The West Florence Fire Department. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SPAULDING HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PARK

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of An Amount Up To \$1,800.00 From Council District 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Purchase Four (4) Thermoplastic Coated Park Benches For Spaulding Heights Community Park. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

TOWN OF COWARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of An Amount Up To \$20,000.00 From Council District 5 Utility Funding Allocation To Extend A 6” Water Line 3,000 Feet From Friendfield Road Down Union School Road. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following items were additions to the agenda:

TIMMONSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Declare Two (2) Vehicles (V#976 – A 2006 Dodge Charger And V#984 – A 2006 Chevy Impala) As Surplus; Authorize The Sale Of The Vehicles To The Timmons ville Rescue Squad For \$1,000 Each (\$2,000 Total) To Be Funded From Council District 4 Infrastructure Allocations. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TIMMONSVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve Up To \$2,500.00 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Allocations To Purchase A New Computer And Printer For The Timmons ville Water Department. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF COWARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Declare One (1) Vehicle (V#986 A 2006 Chevy Impala) As Surplus; Authorize The Sale Of The Vehicle To The Town Of Coward For \$1,000 To Be Funded From The Council District 5 Infrastructure Allocations. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SLED OFFICE ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve Up To \$8,338.00 For The Application Of Crushed Asphalt On The SLED Office Road To Be Funded Equally From Council Districts’ RSMF And/Or Utility Allocations In Equal Portions Of Approximately \$926.44 Per District. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve Up To \$17,193.00 To Assist The City Of Florence With A Beautification Project Through The Demolition Of Property At 809 Clement Street From Council District 3 Utility Allocation. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MCLENDON DRIVE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve Estimated Expenditures Of \$7,303.65 From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocations To Pay For Crushed Asphalt On McLendon Drive Off Of Hill Road. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF SCRANTON

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Declare One (1) Vehicle (V#979 A 2006 Chevy Impala As Surplus; Authorize The Sale Of The Vehicle To The Town Of Scranton For \$1,000 To Be Funded From Council District 1 Infrastructure Allocations. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RECESS

There being no further business before Council, Council recessed until 10:45 a.m.

Council recessed at 10:29 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Council recognized employees who completed from five to thirty-five years of service with the County as of December 31, 2010.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:31 A.M.