

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2011, 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
H. Morris Anderson, Secretary-Chaplain
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:

The Honorable Michael G. Nettles
Judge Belinda Timmons, Florence County Magistrate
Sheriff Kenney Boone
Kevin Yokim, Finance Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Barbara Coker, Sheriff’s Office
Ray McBride, Library Director
Andrew Stout, Museum Director
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the January 19, 2011 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. Secretary-Chaplain Anderson provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

SWEARING-IN OF MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Honorable Judge Michael G. Nettles administered the Oath Of Office to Councilmen K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. (District 1), Alphonso Bradley (District 3), Russell W. Culberson (District 6), Waymon Mumford (District 7), and James T. Schofield (District 8).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011:

Judge Nettles then opened the floor for nominations for Officers for County Council for calendar year 2011. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council appoint the same slate of officers that served in 2010 by acclamation: K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. – Chairman, Waymon Mumford – Vice Chairman and H. Morris Anderson – Secretary-Chaplain. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the minutes of the December 9, 2010 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No public hearings were required, scheduled, or held.

APPEARANCES:

KEVIN M. BARTH

Mr. Barth Appeared Before Council To Request Funding For Repairs Needed At Legion Field. Chairman Smith stated Council would address the request and work to determine if funding were available prior to the next meeting.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

Chairman Smith stated Council would like to recognize the Barth family and the Florence RedWolves for outstanding achievements and in honor of their 10th anniversary. The Clerk published a *Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition* in its entirety and Councilman Culberson presented the framed Resolution to Mr. Barth. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Also recognized were Jamie Young, General Manager for the RedWolves and former RedWolves players Nick Liles (now in the San Francisco Giants minor league organization) and Barrett Kleinknecht (now in the Atlanta Braves minor leagues).

RAY MCBRIDE, DIRECTOR – FLORENCE COUNTY LIBRARY

Mr. McBride Appeared Before Council To Discuss Library Board Of Trustee Priorities And Expenditure Of Remaining Library Capital Project Funds. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Proposed Projects, Subject To The County Administrator's Review And Guidance. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

THOMAS E. REDMOND

Mr. Redmond Appeared Before Council Concerning The Bond Release And Discharge Schedule Implemented By The Florence County Magistrate Court Effective February 8, 2010. In response to a concern expressed by Mr. Redmond, Chairman Smith recognized Judge Belinda Timmons who stated family members can bond a family member out during regular business hours. The schedule was put into place for bondsmen only and does not apply to family members. Chairman Smith referred the matter to the Committee on Justice & Public Safety for further review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SERVICE & COUNTY PLANNING

Committee Chairman Schofield requested Council allow Florence County Museum Director Andrew Stout to provide a brief presentation on the status of the designs for the new museum and informed the group that the architects would proceed on the design as presented.

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Mumford, at the request of Councilman Anderson, agreed for the Committee to re-visit litter control enforcement options.

CITY-COUNTY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Committee Co-Chairman Bradley updated County Council on issues discussed at the January 19, 2011 Committee meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

Chairman Smith published the title of A Proclamation Recognizing January 2011 As National "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" In Support Of The Ongoing Commitment Of The United States To Raise Awareness Of And To Actively Combat Human Trafficking. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Proclamation. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

The Clerk published A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For D. R. Granger For Over 32 Years Of Service On The Building Commission Of The City And County Of Florence in its entirety. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Kirby presented Mr. Granger with the framed Resolution.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

The Clerk published A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For Gerald Morgan Hanna, Sr. For His Many Contributions And Years Of Dedicated Volunteer Service With The Florence County Sheriff's Office in its entirety. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Sheriff Boone announced that Mr. Hanna was promoted to Lieutenant and presented him with his new badge. Councilman Mumford presented Lt. Hanna with the framed Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2010/11

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 06-2010/11: A Resolution To Amend A Policy Regarding The Surplus Of Vehicles And Motorized County Property And Defining Procedures For Distribution And Disposal. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2010/11

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 07-2010/11: A Resolution Authorizing Submission Of An Application By Florence County To The State Of South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program To Provide Equipment And Supplies For Methamphetamine Enforcement For The Florence County Sheriff's Office To Aid In Methamphetamine Enforcement And Prevention Awareness. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2010/11

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 08-2010/11: A Resolution Authorizing Submission Of An Application By Florence County To The South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program For Operational Costs And Equipment Associated With The Forensic Lab At The Law Enforcement Center. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2010/11

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 09-2010/11: A Resolution Authorizing Submission Of An Application By Florence County To The United States Department Of Justice (USDOJ) FY2011 Justice And Mental Health Collaboration Program Competitive Grant To Expand Mental Health Services For Inmates In An Effort To Stop Recidivism At The Florence County Detention Center. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2010/11 – THIRD 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 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 Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2010/11 – THIRD 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 third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2010/11 – INTRODUCED

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2010/11 and declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Jack R. Chamberlain Located At 716 Cooktown Road, Lake City From R-4, Multi-Family Residential District To FU-1, Rural Community District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00142, Block 31, Parcel 217 Consisting Of Approximately 3.18 Acres. The Clerk stated the designation of “FU-1” was an error and that the property was requested to be rezoned to “RU-1.”

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Council approved the following appointments to boards and commissions with appropriate expiration terms:

- **City-County Memorial Stadium Commission** – George Rigby (to fill Seat 6 for the American Legion Fred H. Sexton Post 1 left vacant by the death of Mr. O. J. Davis)
- **Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse** – Elizabeth Thomas (District 7) and David Milligan (District 9)
- **Board of Assessment Appeals** – Dwight Hyman (District 9)
- **Florence County Museum Board** – Ann Rogers Chandler (replacing Briley Altman as the Lake City Museum Corporation representative, pending the appropriate documentation from the Lake City Museum Corporation)

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2011 Through November 30, 2010 As An Item For The Record.

RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE - SCRAP TIRE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve Records Retention Schedule Recommended By The South Carolina Department Of Archives And History To Retain Scrap Tire Permit Applications In The Environmental Services Department For A Period Of One (1) Year After The Permit Expires. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANT AWARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept Grant Award #CL10077 For \$100,000 From The South Carolina Coordinating Council For Economic Development Under The Governor's Closing Grant Program For Costs Associated With The Wellman Plastics Recycling LLC Project. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2010 AUDIT

Finance Director Kevin Yokim introduced Butch Whiddon, who presented a brief report on the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2010 Annual Audit for Florence County. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council accept the Audit as presented. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID #08-10/11

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #08-10/11 For Extrication Equipment For Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire District To Safe Industries, Piedmont, South Carolina In The Amount Of \$42,359.76 To Be Funded From FY11 Budgeted Funds. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD OF BID #10-10/11

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #10-10/11 For An Ambulance Cot And Related Items To Stryker Medical, Portage, MI In The Amount Of \$11,692.51 For The Pamplico Rescue Squad To Be Funded From Grant Funds, With The Required Matching Funds Provided By Pamplico Rescue Squad. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD OF BID #12-10/11

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #12-10/11 For The Construction Of Two (2) Picnic Shelters At Savannah Grove Park To Caraway Construction, Sumter, SC In The Amount Of \$21,500 And Approve Up To An Additional \$12,000 From Council Districts 3, 4, 5, 6 And 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocation (\$2,400 Each District). Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Declare Seven (7) Vehicles, Two (2) Ambulances, One (1) Loader And One (1) Mower As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT OF KITCHEN SUPPLY CHEMICALS

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Authorize The Continued Procurement Of Kitchen Supply Chemicals For The Florence County Sheriff Office From Obco Chemical Company, Inc. As A Sole Source Provider To Be Paid From Previously Approved Departmental Funds. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TAX ASSESSOR & GIS DEPARTMENT/PROCUREMENT

CONTRACT – KUCERA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A Contract With Kucera International, Inc. For Ortho Re-Flight Of The County As Part Of A Consortium Of Counties In South Carolina At A Cost Of \$26,500 To Be Funded From 311-451-423. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Declare One (1) Vehicle (VS101 A 2006 Dodge Charger) As Surplus; Authorize The Sale Of The Vehicle To The Town Of Timmonsville In The Amount Of \$1,000; And Approve The Funding From Council District 4 Infrastructure Allocation For The Purchase Of The Vehicle. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of An Amount Up To \$4,500.00 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Town Of Timmonsville With Renovations To The Town Hall. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

VARIABLE MESSAGE DISPLAY/TRAILER

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$20,100.00 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$2,233.33 From Each District) To Assist The Florence County Sheriff's Office With The Purchase Of A Smart VMS HT Variable Message Display/Trailer To Be Used To Advise The Public Regarding Road Conditions, Amber Alerts, Etc. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

TRINIDAD COURT

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$46,851.00 From Council District 7 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 6" Reclamation 40 Lb. Concrete Square Yards And 1 ½" Resurfacing Of Trinidad Court. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

W. LOUISE ROAD

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,625.00 From Council District 3 Utility Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For The County Maintained Portion Of W. Louise Road. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following items were additions to the agenda:

SALUDA DRIVE/ROYALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AREA

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve An Amount Up To \$25,000.00 From Council District 8 Utility Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Florence With Drainage Improvements And Street Resurfacing For Saluda Drive/Royall Elementary School Area. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

QUINBY MANNED CONVENIENCE CENTER

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve An Amount Up To \$6,000.00 From Council Districts 3, 6, and 7 Infrastructure/Utility Allocations (\$2,000 From Each District) To Extend The Pipe And Widen The Gate/Entrance To The Quinby Manned Convenience Center To Improve The Safety For Citizens Utilizing The Site. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Enter Executive Session, Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended, To Discuss A Few Legal Matters. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 10:19 a.m.

(Councilman Mumford left during Executive Session – approximately 11:16 a.m.)

Council reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:25 A.M.