

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 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  
Roger M. Poston, Council Member  
Thomas B. Robinson, County Administrator  
D. Malloy McEachin, County Attorney  
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director  
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director  
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director  
Andrew Stout, Florence County Museum Director  
Ray McBride, Library Director  
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the January 18, 2012 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. Copies of the Meeting 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 all branch libraries, and on the County's website ([www.florenceco.org](http://www.florenceco.org)).

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Anderson expressed condolences to the family of Phillip Kennedy, who served as Chief of the West Florence Volunteer Fire Department for many years, for their loss. He then provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012:**

Chairman Smith turned the gavel over to County Attorney Malloy McEachin to preside over the election of officers for 2012. Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Officers. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council appoint the same slate of officers that served in 2011: K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. – Chairman, Waymon Mumford – Vice Chairman and H. Morris Anderson – Secretary-Chaplain. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The December 8, 2011 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There were no public hearings required or scheduled.

### **APPEARANCES:**

There were no appearances.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

Chairman Smith stated the Committee on Administration & Finance had no report, however he would like to schedule a meeting shortly, to deal with the issues in that Committee. Information relative to the issues before the Committee was previously provided to the members for review.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICES & COUNTY PLANNING**

Committee Chairman Schofield stated the Committee met prior to the regular meeting to discuss two (2) issues.

- 1) The committee recommended that RFQ #3-11/12 Regarding The Pre-Certification Of General Contractors For The Construction Of The Florence County Museum be returned to the RFQ Committee with a minor change in the language of the RFQ to be more inclusive of contractors and schedule interviews with nine (9) contractors in the next couple of weeks.
- 2) The other matter discussed by the Committee was Ordinance No. 16-2011/12: *An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-311. – Definitions. Dwelling, Residential Designed Manufactured Homes And Other Matters Related Thereto.* It was the recommendation of the Committee to amend two (2) items in the Ordinance: Section C from a minimum of 2.3:12 roof pitch to 2.0:12 roof pitch and eliminate Section E regarding overhang, which would change Section F to Section E. Councilman Schofield made a motion the item be reported out of Committee and that Council approve second reading of Ordinance No. 16-2011/12 with amendments. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion. Chairman Smith asked if the proposed amendments addressed the concerns expressed by members of the community. Councilman Schofield stated that it would and that members of the manufactured/mobile home community affected by the Ordinance were at the Committee meeting and agreed to the suggested amendments. Second reading of the Ordinance as amended was unanimously approved.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve A Resolution Of Recognition For The 2011 Chick-Fil-A Florence Junior Football League All-Star Team And Coaches In Recognition Of Winning The 2011 SCRPA/South Carolina Athletic Division II State Championship. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety and Councilman Mumford presented framed Resolutions to the Coaches for the team, each of the players and each coach.

### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For B. Hicks Harwell, Jr., In Honor Of His Distinguished Service To The Citizens Of Florence County And His Laudable Achievements. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety and Councilmen Culberson and Bradley presented the framed Resolution to Mr. & Mrs. Harwell. Mr. Harwell expressed his appreciation for the recognition and commended Council for the excellent job they do in serving the citizens of Florence County.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 14-2011/12**

Chairman Smith published the title of Resolution No. 14-2011/12: A Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of An Application By Florence County To The South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program For Operational Costs Associated With The Forensic Lab At The Law Enforcement Center. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 15-2011/12**

Chairman Smith published the title of Resolution No. 15-2011/12: A Resolution Authorizing The 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 For The Florence County Sheriff's Office To Aid Sworn Officers. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 16-2011/12**

Chairman Smith published the title of Resolution No. 16-2011/12: A Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of An Application By Florence County To The State Of South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program To Provide An Upgraded Fingerprint Capturing System For The Florence County Sheriff's Office To Aid The Records Division And Sex Offender Registry. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 15-2011/12 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2011/12: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 900 E. Julep Lane, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 01812, Block 01, Parcel 001 Consisting Of 7.80 Acres From Public Facility To Residential Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 17-2011/12 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2011/12: An Ordinance To Approve A Use Variance For A Communications Tower For Property Located At 355 N. Country Club Rd., Lake City Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00142, Block 31, Parcel 048 And Zoned R-1, Single-Family Residential District; To Approve Related Text Amendments To The Florence County Code; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 18-2011/12 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 18-2011/12 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Adopt A Priority Investment Element For The Florence County Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 19-2011/12 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2011/12 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 30. Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-111, Development Standards For Unzoned Areas Table I Existing Adjacent Uses And Section 30-111, Development Standards For Unzoned Areas, (6) Certain Uses And Industrial Projects, c., Automotive Race And Testing Tracks; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

### **COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE**

Council unanimously approved the appointment of Richard Sale to serve on the Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, representing Council District 6, replacing Mary Martha Gibson, who resigned and moved out of state due to health issues. Councilman Culberson stated Ms. Gibson served on the Commission for a number of years and had done a wonderful job.

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2012 Through November 30, 2011 As An Item For The Record.

#### **SOUTH LYNCHES FIRE DISTRICT LEASE**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Leasing Of Office Space In The Lower Florence County Public Service Building To The South Lynchs Fire District. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **FINANCE**

#### **ACCEPTANCE/PRESENTATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011 AUDIT**

Finance Director Kevin Yokim and External Auditor Butch Whiddon, with the Baird & Company firm, presented comments and a summary of the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011 Audit for Florence County. Members of Council commended Mr. Whiddon and Mr. Yokim and his staff for the excellent job done in preparing the annual audit and for earning the CAFR Award of Excellence in Financial Reporting for 14 years straight. Chairman Smith asked that members of Council urge the members of the Legislative Delegation to restore funding to the local government through the Local Government Fund. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Accept The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011 As Presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/PROCUREMENT**

#### **DECLARATION AND DONATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Declare Two (2) Computers (Fixed Asset Tags #11136 And #11169) As Surplus Property And Authorize The Donation Of Said Equipment To The Pee Dee Community Action Partnership Weed And Seed Safe Haven For After School Students. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PROCUREMENT**

#### **AWARD OF BID #06-11/12**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Award Bid #06-11/12 For Construction Of The Addition To The Lake City Library To Thames Construction Company, Laurinburg, NC In The Amount Of \$504,400. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Smith stated there were benefits to having locally owned businesses involved in the bid process, particularly since local businesses typically employ people in the area and pay taxes in Florence County. He stated that he had previously requested County Administrator Tom Robinson look into the County giving consideration for enhancing its local preference Ordinance, currently at 2%, and requested that the report be completed as soon as possible.

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Declare Five (5) Vehicles, One (1) Four-Wheeler, One (1) Bunker Rake, And One (1) Truck Body As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Declare As Surplus And Authorize The Sale Of Vehicle #VS104, A 2006 Crown Vic To Florence School District #3 In The Amount Of \$3,224. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE/PROCUREMENT**

#### **CONTRACT – CIRCLE PARK BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve A Contract With Circle Park Behavioral Health Services (Fiscal Agent For Smoke Free Florence) On Behalf Of The Florence County Sheriff's Office To Conduct And/Or Assist With Effective Tobacco Prevention Education And Awareness Presentations In Local Schools And At Community Events. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

##### **DEWITT BLUFF LANDING**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,000 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Replace The Shelter Roof At DeWitt Bluff Landing. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

##### **HICKORY HILL COMMUNITY PARK**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$7,000 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Renovate The Playground At Hickory Hill Community Park. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **TOUCHING LIVES/HOMES OF HOPE PROGRAM**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$2,000 From Council District 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist Touching Lives/Homes Of Hope Program With Renovations To A Home For The Purpose Of Utilizing The Home As A Transitional Shelter. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion. The Clerk stated that as a point of clarification, additional monies were allocated from each Council Districts' Infrastructure Allocations for a total of \$18,000 (\$2,000 from each district). Motion was approved unanimously.

## **ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)**

### **MANDEVILLE ROAD**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$33,327 From Council Districts 3 and 7 RSMF Funding Allocations (\$16,663.50 From Each District) To Pay For The Resurfacing Of 625' x 32' Of Mandeville Road. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**The following items were additions to the Agenda:**

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/PROCUREMENT**

#### **DECLARATION AND DONATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Declare Two (2) Computers (Fixed Asset Tags #11172 And #08248) As Surplus Property And Authorize The Donation Of Said Equipment To Advantage Learning Center In Timmons ville To Assist With Its Adult Basic Education Program. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

## **ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)**

### **HARRIS COURT**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$25,565 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For The Resurfacing Of Harris Court. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$26,439 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Town Of Timmons ville With The Purchase Of A Replacement Pump To Enable The Town To Continue To Provide Water Service For The Cale Yarborough Hwy. Area. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Anderson 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 Potential Real Property Acquisition. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Mumford stated that prior to entering Executive Session, he would like to formally recognize the newly hired County Administrator Tom Robinson and welcome him to Florence County.

Council entered executive session at 9:59 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

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

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:20 A.M.**