

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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:**

Suzanne S. King, Administrative Services Director  
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  
Sheriff Kenney Boone  
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office  
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director  
Jack Newsome, Tax Assessor  
John Sweeney, Morning News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 15, 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 provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The January 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There were no public hearings scheduled or held.

## **COUNCIL RETREAT:**

Chairman Smith stated a Council Planning Retreat was scheduled for Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 8 a.m. Staff was working with the Chairman to develop an agenda and the location would be determined later. He asked that Council members be thinking of issues they would like to discuss at the Retreat.

## **APPEARANCES:**

### **ROBERT E. BENFIELD, ARM – SCAC RISK MANAGER**

Mr. Benfield Appeared Before Council To Present The *Outstanding Safety Achievement Award* Won By The Florence County Sheriff's Office For The Accomplishments Of The Florence County Sheriff's Office Vehicle Accident Review Board. Lt. Darren Yarborough, Lt. Clint Caldwell, Lt. Wayne Bellflowers, Tony Lewis-Risk Manager, and Sheriff Kenney Boone were recognized. Mr. Benfield stated the group would also be recognized at the upcoming South Carolina Sheriff's Conference so other Sheriff's offices could see what the Committee had done and model their policies. Chairman Smith recognized Vice Chairman Mumford who serves on the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Trust Committee. Councilman Mumford commended Sheriff Boone, Tony Lewis, their staffs, and the Vehicle Accident Review Board. He said it made him proud sitting on the board, listening to the good reports coming from Florence County.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

Chairman Smith stated the Committee on Administration & Finance met prior to the regular meeting of Council with Howe Springs Fire District Fire Chief Shannon Smith concerning a G.O. Bond issue. The Committee reviewed and briefly evaluated the proposal submitted by Howe Springs and asked the Chief to re-evaluate and prioritize the program and get back with the Committee.

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

Committee Chairman Schofield stated the Committee met prior to the regular meeting and the Committee approved the recommendation for RFQ #3-11/12 for the Florence Museum that would be addressed later in the meeting.

### **AD HOC CITY-COUNTY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

Committee Co-Chair Bradley stated the Committee met February 8<sup>th</sup> and provided an overview of the items discussed at the meeting.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 17-2011/12**

Chairman Smith published the title of Resolution No. 17-2011/12: A Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of An Application By Florence County To The State Of South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program For 2012 To Provide Equipment Improvements For The Florence County Sheriff's Office Victim/Witness Program. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-2011/12**

Chairman Smith published the title of Resolution No. 18-2011/12: A Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of An Application By Florence County To The State Of South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Highway Safety Grant Program For FY13 To Establish An Education/Outreach Program For The Florence County Sheriff's Office. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 19-2011/12**

Chairman Smith published the title of Resolution No. 19-2011/12: A Resolution Authorizing The Submission Of An Application By Florence County To The State Of South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Highway Safety Grant Program For FY13 To Provide For Replacement Equipment For The Florence County Sheriff's Office. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 16-2011/12 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 16-2011/12: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 30. Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-311. – Definitions. Dwelling, Residential Designed Manufactured Home; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 18-2011/12 – SECOND READING DEFERRED**

The Chairman stated second reading of Ordinance No. 18-2011/12 was asked to be deferred: 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 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2011/12: 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. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following two (2) items were additions to the Agenda:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 20-2011/12**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 20-2011/12: A Resolution Identifying A Project To Satisfy The Requirements Of Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The South Carolina Code, So As To Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred By Project Fiber, Its Affiliates And Related Entities, To Qualify As Expenditures Eligible For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Arrangement With Florence County, South Carolina; Approving The Receipt And Administration Of A State Coordinating Council Grant; Committing To Enter Into Necessary Agreements With Project Fiber To Effect The Intent Of This Resolution; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Poston made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 20-2011/12 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2011/12 and Chairman Smith declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of One Or More Incentive Agreements By And Among Florence County, South Carolina, And Project Fiber, And One Or More Affiliated Or Related Entities, As Sponsor, To Provide For A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes Incentive; To Provide For The Inclusion Of The Project In A Multi-County Business Or Industrial Park; To Provide For Special Source Revenue Credits; To Provide For A County Grant For Job Creation And To Enter Into Any Other Necessary Agreements To Effect The Intent Of This Ordinance; And Other Related Matters.

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

### **PEE DEE REGIONAL EMS BOARD**

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Mr. Ryon Watkins, Florence County EMS Director, To Serve On The Pee Dee Regional EMS Board As Recommended By Linda Byers, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

### **PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Reverend Bennie King, Jr. To The Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA) As Requested By The PDRTA Executive Director, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

## **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Mr. Roland Briggs To The Board Of Assessment Appeals, Representing Council District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

## **POLICY COMMISSION ON RECREATION**

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Reverend Anthony Howard To The Policy Commission On Recreation, Representing Council District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2012 Through December 31, 2011 As An Item For The Record.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)**

#### **AGREEMENT – MCLEOD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve An Ambulance Replenishing Agreement With McLeod Regional Medical Center (MRMC) For Replacement Of Medical Supplies Used By Florence County Emergency Medical Services During Transport To MRMC. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PROCUREMENT**

#### **RFQ #3-11/12 REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATION**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Following Eight (8) General Contractors For Pre-Qualification For The Construction Of The Florence County Museum As Recommended By The RFQ #3-11/12 Review Panel: Contract Construction, Ballentine, SC; Dargan Construction, Myrtle Beach, SC; FBi Construction, Florence, SC; Gilbert Construction, Florence, SC; H.G. Reynolds, Aiken, SC; Mashburn Construction, Columbia, SC; MB Kahn, Conway, SC; And Shelco, Charlotte, NC And To Approve Cancellation Of Pre-Qualification Of Listed Subcontractor Trades Due To Limited Number Of Statements Of Qualifications Received. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. At the request of the Chairman, Councilman Schofield provided a brief synopsis of the process. The Committee started with 21 submittals; pared down to 13 for reasons such as proper documentation not submitted; under the original criteria for the RFQ, the submittals were further pared down to four. The Committee on Public Service & County Planning revised the criteria to expand acceptable completed projects to include projects of similar detail, which netted a result of 13 contractors; two of which withdrew and as a result of interviews and comments from the architect, the list was further reduced to eight.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY**

#### **PAMPLICO EMS SUBSTATION**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$6,000 From Council District 2 Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocation For The Purchase Of MBC Stone For A Portion Of The Driveway And Parking Lot At The New Pamplico EMS Site And To Purchase 80' Of 15" RCP To Allow Access To The Rear Of The Property. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **GREENWOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Authorize The Sale Of A 2004 John Deere 1200A Bunker Rake (V8085 Previously Declared Surplus By Council) To Greenwood Baseball League And Approve The Expenditure Of A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$3,750 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$417 From Each District). Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**The following item was an addition to the Agenda:**

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **UTILITY**

#### **CITY OF LAKE CITY**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$12,000 From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation For The Installation Of Wastewater To The Blanding Street Park Located In Lake City. Councilman Anderson 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 Contractual Matter Regarding Economic Development And Personnel Matters. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 9:24 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:14 a.m.

Chairman Smith stated he wanted to recognize Florence County Finance Director Kevin Yokim for being elected President of the Government Finance Officers' Association of South Carolina, which includes not only counties but municipalities, school districts, colleges, universities, with over 800 members in the organization. He commended Mr. Yokim for a job well done.

### **MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Adopt A Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement With Marion And Dillon Counties With The Proviso That Florence County Reserves The Right To Opt Out Of Any Project Proposed For The Multi-County Industrial Park. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

### **COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:15 A.M.**