

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ROOM 803, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY STREET,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

James T. Schofield, Chairman
Alphonso Bradley, Vice Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Secretary-Chaplain
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Roger M. Poston, Council Member
Kent C. Caudle, Council Member
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Council Member
Jason M. Springs, Council Member
K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Department Director
Tommy Sullivan, Emergency Management Department Deputy Director
Bonnita K. Andrews, Human Resources Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Robert Franks, IT Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Andrew Stout, Museum Director
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Jack Newsome, Tax Assessor
Sam Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby, Sheriff's Office
Barbara Coker, Administrative Manager Sheriff's Office
Tucker Mitchell, Morning News
Ken Baker, WMBF News Reporter
Tonya Brown, WPDE TV15 News Reporter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the May 15, 2013 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the Meeting Agenda and Proposed Additions to the Agenda were provided to members of the media, members of the public requesting copies, posted in the lobby of the City-County Complex, provided for posting at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library, all branch libraries, and on the County's website (www.florenceco.org).

Chairman Schofield called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Mumford provided the Invocation and Vice Chairman Bradley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Schofield welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The April 18, 2013 Regular Meeting and the May 2, 2013 Special Called Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk Published The Titles And Chairman Schofield opened the public hearings for the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2012/13

An Ordinance To Ratify FY13 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2012/13

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of One Or More Incentive Agreements By And Among Florence County, South Carolina, And Project AP, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2013/14

An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 And Ending June 30, 2014; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For The Revenues Of The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

LEASE AGREEMENT

Execution Of A Lease Agreement Between Florence County And Carolina Grinding, LLC, For A Portion Of Property Owned By Florence County And Located At The Florence County Landfill, Designated As Tax Map Number 00368-01-002.

APPEARANCES:

TERASA M. YOUNG – KEEP FLORENCE BEAUTIFUL

Ms. Young Appeared Before Council To Provide An Overview Of The Organization's Mission, Vision, Projects, And Initiatives. Chairman Schofield thanked Ms. Young for her presentation and the work the organization does for the community. Councilman Mumford encouraged the organization to partner with Florence County Environmental Control and the Sheriff's Office in the campaign against litter.

SAVANNAH GROVE COMMUNITY ACTION LEAGUE

George R. Brown, On Behalf Of Residents Of Ballpark Road In Effingham, Appeared Before Council To Request That The Road Be Placed On The List For Paving. Mr. Brown stated he supported the Capital Project Sales Tax and would like for this road to be included as one of the projects. Chairman Schofield thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation and stated Council understood the need for roadway improvements in Florence County and that it was up to the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission to determine which roads would be included on the ballot in November. Several residents from the Savannah Grove community and Ballpark Road were present and expressed concern regarding the condition of the road and requested consideration for the paving of this road as one of the projects. Chairman Schofield stated funding was the primary drawback for the County in road maintenance and paving. The estimated cost to pave one mile of unpaved road was approximately \$1 million dollars. According to recent correspondence from the State, it was estimated to take approximately 73 years to resurface all of the State maintained roads in Florence County that were currently on the 'candidate' list for resurfacing, due to the lack of funding.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2012/13

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 25-2012/13: A Resolution To Approve The Application To Append Coverage For Incidental Death Benefit; Accidental Death Program And/Or Firefighters Coverage With The Police Officers Retirement System To Become Effective July 1, 2013. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2012/13

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 26-2012/13: An Inducement Resolution Providing For A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Florence County And Project AP. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no signatures on the sign-in sheets for Ordinance No. 29-2012/13, Ordinance No. 30-2012/13, or the Lease Agreement.

The following individuals signed up to speak with regard to Ordinance No. 01-2013/14:

- Charman ‘Chuck’ Haines and Laura Walkup with Pamplico Rescue Squad – requested continued funding for the Rescue Squad and use of ambulances. Chairman Schofield stated he understood the issues faced with the lack of volunteers to run calls during the day but stated the County invested a lot of money in putting ambulances within their control and the ambulances were needed to respond to calls in the area during the daytime.
- Brad Richardson stressed the importance of local EMS stations.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2012/13 – THIRD READING DEFERRED

Chairman Schofield stated third reading of Ordinance No. 17-2012/13 would be deferred: An Ordinance To Authorize The Execution And Delivery Of Various Documents In Order To Fund A Portion Of The Costs Associated With Soil Remediation Of The Lake City Park Project; To Authorize The Execution And Delivery Of These Documents In Connection Therewith; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2012/13 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 29-2012/13: An Ordinance To Ratify FY13 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved with an eight (8) to one (1) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Schofield, Councilmen Culberson, Poston, Bradley, Mumford, Caudle, Dorriety and Springs. Voting “No” was Councilman Kirby.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2012/13 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 30-2012/13: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of One Or More Incentive Agreements By And Among Florence County, South Carolina And Project AP, 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 Or Job Creation And To Enter Into Any Other Necessary Agreements To Effect The Intent Of This Ordinance; And Other Related Matters. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2013/14 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 01-2013/14: An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 And Ending June 30, 2014; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance.

Councilman Culberson seconded the motion. Councilman Springs made a motion to Amend The Ordinance To Increase The Appropriation For The General Fund By \$100,000 To \$52,394,780 In Order To Provide Additional Funding For The Johnsonville Rescue Squad. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved with an eight (8) to one (1) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Schofield, Councilmen Culberson, Poston, Bradley, Mumford, Caudle, Dorriety, and Springs. Voting “No” was Councilman Kirby. Second reading of the Ordinance as Amended was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2012/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 31-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Ladonna M. Beylotte, Cephus & Maxine Peterson Jr., Bessie Wilks, Erik T. & Sarah L. Knotts, Vanona M. Dubose Morris, Ryan J. Johnson, Mcarthur & Yvonne F. Lynch, James T. Hurst And Located At 227, 233, 237, 241, 243, 247, 249, And 251 Mill Street, Town Of Scranton, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00194, Block 31, Parcels 25, 077 And 104; And A Portion Of 021, 022, 023, 024 And 111; Consisting Of Approximately 3.16 Acres From Unzoned, To R-1, Single-Family Residential District; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2012/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 32-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Judy H. Thomas And Debra A. Holloway Located At 2005 Hazelwood Lane, Florence, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00127, Block 01, Parcel 008; Consisting Of Approximately 8.709 Acres From R-3, Single-Family Residential District, To RU-1, Rural Community District, Limited; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2012/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 33-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code, Chapter 7 – Building Regulations, Article II – Standards For Construction, Installations And Maintenance, Division 1 – Generally, Section 7-11 – International Building Code; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2012/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 34-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code, Chapter 9.5, Drainage And Stormwater Management; And Other Matters Related Thereto

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2012/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 35-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code, Chapter 28.6 – Land Development And Subdivision Ordinance, Article VI. – Subdivision Improvements And Guarantees, Section 6.98. Acceptance Techniques In Lieu Of Completion Of All Improvements, Section 28.6-100 – Reduction Of Guarantee, And Section 28.6-101. – Release Of Guarantee; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2012/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 36-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance Consenting To The Extension Of Time For Project Proton To Complete The Project Pursuant To That Certain Fee Agreement Dated December 1, 2008; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BOARD

Council Unanimously Approved The Recommendation Of The Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board For The Recommendation Of Sharon H. Ackerman For Consideration And Nomination To The Governor For Appointment To Seat #1, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

PEE DEE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Council Unanimously Approved The Recommendation Of The Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board For The Re-Appointment Of Ron Reynolds (Labor Representative) And Max Welch (Education Representative), With Appropriate Expiration Terms.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Cheryl Floyd To Serve On The Planning Commission, Representing Council District 5, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

POLICY COMMISSION ON RECREATION

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Geer Ward To Serve On The Policy Commission On Recreation, Representing Council District 9, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Rocky Pearce To Serve On The Economic Development Partnership Board Representing Council District 6, With Term To Begin Immediately And Expiring June 30, 2017.

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Odell Spears To Serve On The Economic Development Partnership Board Representing Council District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Margie Smith To Serve On The Library Board of Trustees, Representing Council District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

CHAIRMAN SCHOFIELD:

Chairman Schofield made the following comments regarding the budget. "Adoption of second reading of our budget today includes a three and half mill tax increase. I want to read to you from the South Carolina Association of Counties Friday Report that we, as members of Council, get every Friday. *"Despite an increase in State revenues, the Finance Committee failed to meet even last year's funding level and instead funded the [Local Government Fund] at \$182 million in recurring dollars and \$10 million in non-recurring funds. This is a \$20 million decrease from last years funding level and \$80 million below the statutory funding level. The House budget funds the LGF in the same manner as last year, \$182 million in recurring and \$30 million in non-recurring funds. The General Assembly should fully fund the LGF according to the statutory formula."* Last year, the House funded the LGF at \$10 million above what they had cut it. Let me go back and explain. About five years ago, when the State was under such severe budget constraints with the bad recession, they began cutting the LGF from what is mandated by State Law to fund counties in the State to pay for State mandated things, such as social services, the courts, and all the things that we do that are truly State functions. The first year we did nothing, we absorbed that decrease in our budget. The second year, we cut one percent across the board; we also did some other things. The [third] year when they cut it again, we cut two percent across the board. The fourth year, we cut three percent across every department in this County; we laid-off people, we demoted people in rank to pay them less, we raised the solid waste fee, we raided the reserve fund until we can't raid the reserve fund any more (we have to maintain a certain amount of money to keep the credit rating we have on our bonds and to operate this County). So, for the last five or six years, we have seen nothing but cuts in the LGF until last year. What is so perplexing about this year is that last year the Senate Finance wanted to do \$40 million and the House (some of them wanted to do none) but they said they would do \$10 million. In the Conference Committee they negotiated and they gave us \$30 million additional funds into the State LGF. Well this year the House voted for \$30 million, the same as we did last year. The State has more money than they had last year (a lot more money than they had last year). And now the Senate has put in for \$10 million; a \$20 million decrease. That is gonna result in one mill of tax in this County. If we had a fully funded LGF in this State, as State law requires, we would not be raising three and half mills in tax this year in order to provide ambulance service and bring it up to the standards it needs to be. \$7 million at this point is the cumulative loss in the LGF that this County has sustained over the last few years. That's an equivalent of 15 mills of tax to our citizens. All I can tell you is that the counties in this State cannot continue to operate receiving below what is statutorily required and what is ... should be ... required and that is to pay the counties to fund operations that are truly State functions of government that happen to be operated through the county. No longer should the counties have to cut EMS, planning and the other agencies that operate ... recreation that operate on our side of the budget, the budget we can control. I said last year in voting for the tax increase last year was the only reason I would do that was because it was apparent to me last year that the State with additional revenue had no intention of fully funding the LGF and I think this year it's even worse. Because now we are talking about decreasing it from last year. So, the problem that the counties face is enormous of trying to provide the services every day to the citizens that desperately need it. I would encourage the public to contact the

Delegation and ask them to, at a minimum, put it back to the \$30 million that was in it, the extra, last year, which would result in a mill of tax. And, really they should put it back to full funding and if they did that this year, potentially we could even have a tax decrease of about a half a mill. This issue is not something the County can control. Where I sit, looking at the budget, if we do the three and half mill tax increase, the State lets us look back three years and when we haven't had any tax increases, you can cumulatively do the formula. Next year, we won't be able to look back, very little. We will have very little capability and I predict that you're gonna see the counties in South Carolina, Florence County, cutting across the board in the budget. That's what's going to happen because the increase in health care cost are gonna outstrip the growth in taxes, unless we really grow this County. DuPont was torn down this year. Revenues are essentially flat, the tax base, so there is no additional revenue. The reason the counties and the cities have been able to operate all these years and relatively not raise taxes is because of growth in tax base. The counties are in a bad position and according to State law the only way we can cut the budget of the other elected officials (the Treasurer, the Sheriff, and all of those) is to do across the board cutting and that is, from a business man's standpoint, the worst way to take cutting into a budget. You cut across the board, we did that a couple of years ago, we ran out of funding to pay the jurors in the Magistrate's office so we couldn't collect the fines and forfeitures; it actually cost more money that we lost in fines and forfeitures than we saved, but State law mandates the only way to cut for us is across the board. So I implore the citizens of this County to contact your Legislative Delegation and ask them to restore the funding in the LGF."

Councilman Kirby commended the Chairman on his explanation of the Local Government Fund and explaining it. He said that was the reason he voted 'no' against this year's budget and voted no last year because County Council was becoming a collection agency for the State. He stated the counties needed to stand up and tell the State it needed to fund all the mandates it required.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2013 Through March 31, 2013 As An Item For The Record.

CAROLINA GRINDING, LLC – LEASE AGREEMENT

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Execution Of A Lease Agreement Between Florence County And Carolina Grinding, LLC, For A Portion Of Property Owned By Florence County And Located At The Florence County Landfill, Designated As Tax Map Number 00368-01-002. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE/PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID NO. 16-12/13

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Award Bid No. 16-12/13 For One (1) 3-Phase Standby Generator For The Lower Florence County Public Services Building Located At 234 South Ron McNair Blvd. In Lake City To Nixon Power Services, Charlotte, NC In The Amount Of \$18,257.40. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FUELMAN FUEL CARD SYSTEM

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Use Of The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) Cooperative Purchasing Program To Upgrade The Existing Fuelman Fuel Card System At All Three (3) County Fuel Card Reading Sites By The Current Vendor FleetCor Technologies Operating Company, LLC D.B.A. Fuelman Of Norcross, Ga. And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute The Contract. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. stated that by participating in this program, the County would save \$24,000 and would experience decreased pricing in fuel purchases.

PARKS AND RECREATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID NO. 15-12/13

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Award Bid No. 15-12/13 For Lighting At The Laverne Ard Football Field Located At 479 E. 6th Avenue, Pamplico, SC To The Low Bidder KMB Electrical Of Sumter, SC. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID NO. 17-12/13

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Award Bid No. 17-12/13 For Asphalt Repaving At Derby Lane, Belmont Lane, And Winners Circle In Lake City To The Low Bidder C. R. Jackson Of Columbia, SC In The Amount Of \$75,390. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith stated funding was allocated through the CTC program. Councilman Caudle expressed concerns that with the last four (4) bids none were local bidders and he found that a little odd. He acknowledged that the County even offered a preference to local bidders.

PUBLIC WORKS

MALLARD POINTE SUBDIVISION

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Request From Mallard Pointe Subdivision Home Owners Association For Mallard Pointe Subdivision To Be Accepted Into The Florence County Road Maintenance System, Contingent On The Paving Of Those Roads In That Subdivision By The Home Owners Association. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith stated they agreed to place 2" of asphalt on these roads and Councilman Dorriety was working extremely hard with this group to make this happen.

ADMINISTRATION/COUNTY ATTORNEY

PURCHASE OF EADDY PROPERTY

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize The Purchase Of Real Property Owned By Clebe G. Eaddy And Debbie C. Eaddy, Consisting Of Approximately 4.41 Acres And Designated As Tax Map No. 00211-01-094, In The Amount Of \$35,000 From The Solid Waste Fund, And, Authorize The County Administrator To Execute All Associated Documents To Complete The Purchase, Subject To County Attorney Review. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

CITY OF LAKE CITY

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$12,500 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City With The Purchase Of Signage For The Godley-Morris Industrial Park. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WEATHERFORD FIELD- SCRANTON

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$4,800 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Replace The Heat Pump In The Concessions Building At Weatherford Field In Scranton. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SARDIS-TIMMONSVILLE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$7,600 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Sardis-Timmons ville Rural Fire Department With The Purchase Of A Thermal Imaging Camera For The Newest Fire Truck. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF COWARD

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$6,400 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Town Of Coward With Roof Replacement On Two (2) Sheds And One (1) Bathroom Building With No Screw Metal Roofs. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FLORENCE COUNTY MUSEUM

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$20,000 From Council District 8 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For The Restoration Of The Henry Timrod Schoolhouse And Fencing To Secure/Protect The Schoolhouse. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

GREENWOOD ATHLETIC PARK

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$20,000 From Council Districts 5, 6, 7, and 8 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Approximately \$5,000 From Each District) To purchase And Install Parking Lot Lighting At Greenwood Athletic Park. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

RESURFACING ROADS

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$115,043 From Council District 8 RSMF Then Infrastructure (If There Are Insufficient Funds Available In RSMF) Funding Allocation To Pay For The Resurfacing Of Crown Road (\$30,030), Wimbledon Avenue (\$36,465), Winterwood Road And Hamilton Drive (\$48,548.50). Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

LAMB ROAD

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,313 From Council District 7 Utility Funding Allocation To Put Additional Crushed Asphalt On Lamb Road. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE

GREENWOOD ATHLETIC PARK

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$2,600 From Council Districts 5 And 6 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$1,300 From Each District) To Purchase A Heat Pump For The Control Building At Greenwood Athletic Park. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS

Chairman Schofield announced that the Johnsonville River Festival was scheduled for May 17th and 18th, with the unveiling of the Francis Marion Statue scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

CORRECTIONS TO MORNING NEWS ARTICLE

Chairman Schofield stated he wanted to make a few corrections to a Morning News article regarding Timrod Schoolhouse. He stated the Schoolhouse was not located in Council District 8 and that he did not serve on the Museum Board. He stated further that one Councilman did not determine where funding was allocated; that it was a vote of Council to determine funding of any project.

Chairman Schofield stated one additional note, there was a letter in the May 16th edition of the Morning News on Pineneedles Road regarding weeds growing up on the new road done under the penny sales tax. He said the Administrator had already called regarding this issue. Mr. Smith stated he talked with SC DOT, the responsible entity for the maintenance of the road, and there was a period of time that a contractor retains responsibility for the maintenance of the road once a project was complete so they were checking to see if the contractor's time expired, but that SC DOT would address the issue.

Councilman Dorriety stated several months ago, before he was elected to Council, he inquired about that road and was told at the time that it was the contractor's responsibility and that once final payment was made upon completion of the project the responsibility would then become the State's. Several weeks after that, it was cut. He said it had not been cut since that time and that he had also contacted the State regarding maintenance on the road and he and other private citizens had even used personal equipment to cut the grass, etc. along this roadway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Enter Executive Session, Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended, for Discussion re: Development of Security Devices and Personnel, and, Contractual Matter/Legal Briefing – Pending Real Property Transaction(s): re: National Cemetery. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 10:07 a.m. Council reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:12 A.M.