

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS ROOM 803, COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY  
STREET, FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Sheriff Kenney Boone  
Connie Reel-Shearin, Clerk of Court  
Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director  
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director  
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director  
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director  
Andrew Stout, Museum Director  
Patrick Fleming, Procurement Director  
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator  
Bill Griffenberg, CIO  
Aubrey Carroll, Interim Library Director  
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby  
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter  
Ken Baker, WMBF News

**ABSENT:**

Jason M. Springs, Council Member

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 19, 2014 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 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](http://www.florenceco.org)).

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The January 7, 2014 Worksession and the January 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The Clerk published the title and the Chairman declared the Public Hearing open for the following:

### **ORDINANCE NO. 20-2013/14**

An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Economic Development Partnership Ordinance To Provide For An Enlargement Of The Economic Development Partnership Membership And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **APPEARANCES:**

There were no Appearances.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no Committee Reports.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheet, the Chairman closed the public hearing. (The sign-in sheet is attached and incorporated by reference.)

### **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

There were no Resolutions or Proclamations for Consideration.

### **ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 19-2013/14 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2013/14: An Ordinance To Rezone Property On Behalf Of Jeff M. Anderson, Regarding The Estate Of Johnsie W. Moore, Located At W. Main Street, Lake City, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00167, Block 31, Parcel 054; Consisting Of Approximately 2.07 Acres From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To B-1, Limited Business District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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### **ORDINANCE NO. 17-2013/14 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance Dissolving Pursuant To Section 4-9-30(5)(E) Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, The Sardis-Timmons ville Rural Fire Protection District, And Dissolving The Johnsonville Rural Fire District, The Howe Springs Fire District, The Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire District, The West Florence Rural Fire District, And The Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Fire District, All Incident To The Establishment Of The Florence County Fire Protection District As A Special Tax Fire District Under Article 19 Of Title 4 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, Providing For The Conditions With Respect To Said Dissolution, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 18-2013/14 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 18-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Create And Establish The Florence County Fire Protection District In Florence County, South Carolina Pursuant To Title 4, Chapter 19 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, To Approve The Annual Levy And Collection Of Ad Valorem Taxes And The Imposition Of Rates And Charges For The Operation And Maintenance Thereof, To Authorize The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds On Behalf Of The District From Time To Time, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

The Chair commented that at the next regular meeting of County Council there would be a public hearing on the two Ordinances and before third reading could possibly be held there was a tremendous amount of work to be done and certain things had to happen to make it through to third reading.

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

There were no appointments.

### **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2014 Through December 31, 2013 As An Item For The Record.

## **CLERK OF COURT/PROCUREMENT**

### **SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT/MICROFORM SCANNERS**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve A Sole Source Procurement Of Three (3) Minolta MS6000 Mk II Digital Film Microform Scanners For The Clerk Of Court's Office From Cavin's Business Solutions Of Fayetteville, NC In The Amount Of \$36,244. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilmen Caudle and Kirby expressed concerns regarding local bidders.

## **PROCUREMENT**

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Declare Unit #522, A 1997 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FALP71W4VX132262 As Surplus Property For Disposal Via GovDeals Or A Manner Most Advantageous To The County. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Declare Various Office Furniture As Surplus Property For Disposal In The Manner Most Advantageous To The County. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **TIMMONSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD/PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD BID NO. 16-13/14**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Award Bid No. 16-13/14 For The Purchase Of One (1) Certified A-Frame Carport For The Timmonsville Rescue Squad To Newmart Builders, Inc. Of South Hill, VA In The Amount Of \$17,424.60 (Including Tax) To Be Funded By A South Carolina Department Of Health And Environmental Control Grant-In-Aid Grant. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. stated that Newmart Builders was the certified builder but the manufacturer was Weatherly Hardware in Timmonsville, which would be the supplier for the material for this job.

### **UPDATE ON CPST I**

Mr. Smith provided an update on the status of Capital Project Sales Tax I (CPST I). The US Hwy 378 sections 1 and 2 were already let, the contracts were signed and work should be started soon. On the initial phase, \$15 million was saved on the first bid. Sections 3 and 4 were tentatively scheduled to be bid in April 2014. Section 5 would be at a later date, which would move forward, since permits had been received. On US 76 to Timmonsville the low bid was awarded, \$19,008,567.19 went to Palmetto Corporation of Conway and came in \$4,700,000 under budget. The TV Road bids came in at \$23,863,785.86 and saved \$1 million on that with the bid being awarded to C. R. Jackson. He stated Councilman Caudle had been working extensively with SCDOT to assist with Hwy. 51, which was in the property acquisition phase. The 301 Bypass project/Alligator Road preliminary engineering was underway. All of these projects were moving forward, as were the Capital Project Sales Tax II projects.

Councilman Caudle stated he contacted SCDOT and DNR requesting a public access landing at Lynches River and Hwy 378. DNR had not responded yet, but SCDOT and Florence County were committed to do their part to make it publicly accessible for the citizens.

### **STORM CLEANUP STATUS**

Mr. Smith stated storm cleanup was moving quickly. Public works was to be commended for working very quickly to try to handle this in-house with public works staff. The County was trying to save taxpayer's money. Instead of disposing of yard waste/debris in the landfill, operations were set up to grind the debris. The County had a very good relationship with the City of Florence and Drew Griffin and the Mayor were allowing the County to take material to their public works site where they would grind the debris at no cost to the County and provide the mulch for use by citizens at no charge. There was also a site set up at the old landfill site on Papermill Road, which was the site the County was asking citizens with large trailer and truck loads to take their debris. Councilman Poston expressed appreciation and commended citizens in District 2 for their volunteering and getting out to clear roadways at their own expense after the storm. Councilman Kirby commended County public works, the County Administrator and volunteers for the effort they all put in to make it less troublesome for the citizens. Mr. Smith stated the EOC ran exceptionally well and the Sheriff's office did well in maintaining order. The Chair stated he would like to echo the sentiments on Council regarding the County's response to the storm. He said Councilman Springs was not at the meeting today because he had been working around the clock to try to restore power to the citizens affected by the storm.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

##### **DOROTHY G. HINES NATURE TRAIL**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$20,269 From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Florence With Asphalting The Dorothy G. Hines Nature Trail. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

##### **LAVERNE ARD PARK**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$14,000 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For The Purchase And Erection Of Perimeter Fencing Around The Football Field At Laverne Ard Park. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

##### **TOWN OF COWARD**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,000 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For The Purchase Of A Camera System For Surveillance Of The Town, Park, Ball Field And Both Water Wells For The Town Of Coward. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY**

### **FLORENCE COUNTY MAGISTRATES' OFFICES**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,940 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$660 From Each District) To Purchase Bulletproof Vests For Florence County Magistrate Constables To Replace Outdated Vests Currently In Use. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

#### **ARES LANE**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,250 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For Ares Lane. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **EDSEL ROAD**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$15,000 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For Edsel Road. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **POWELL LANE**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,000 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For Powell Lane. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Enter Executive Session, Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended, For A Personnel Matter. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 9:27 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:08 a.m.

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

### **COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:08 A.M.**