REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 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
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
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks and Recreation Director
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Alan Smith, Library Director
Dale Rauch, Facilities Manager
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby
Katherine McCain, Sheriff’s Office
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the April 16, 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).

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.
RECONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 18-2013/14
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Reconsider Second Reading of Ordinance No. 18-2013/14. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Poston made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 18-2013/14 as per recommendations suggested in the revised draft of the Ordinance. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved with a six (6) to three (3) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Schofield, Councilmen Culberson, Poston, Mumford, Caudle and Springs. Voting ‘No’ were Councilmen Kirby, Bradley, and Dorriety. Second Reading of Ordinance No. 18-2013/14 as amended was approved with a six (6) to three (3) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Schofield, Councilmen Culberson, Poston, Mumford, Caudle and Springs. Voting ‘No’ were Councilmen Kirby, Bradley, and Dorriety.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The March 13, 2014 Worksession and the March 20, 2014 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
Council held Public Hearings on the following:

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2013/14
A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of A Portion Of 16 Foot Alley/No Name Located In The Florence Area.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2013/14
A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of A Portion Of Howard Street Located In The Florence Area.

APPEARANCES:

ELLEN HAMILTON – PEE DEE COALITION
Ms. Hamilton Appeared Before Council To Discuss The 20th Anniversary For The Durant Children’s Center And The Focus On The Importance Of Child Abuse Prevention.

ROBBY HILL – LEGISLATIVE DAY COMMITTEE
Mr. Hill, Jessica Mikell and Katie Wilcox Appeared Before Council To Thank Council For Co-Sponsoring The 12th Annual Legislative Day And Provided A Brief Report On The Event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
There were no Committee Reports.
PUBLIC HEARINGS:
There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets, the Chairman declared the Public Hearings closed.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. DAY PROCLAMATION
The Clerk published the Proclamation in its entirety: A Proclamation In Celebration Of Delta Days In Florence County And Proclaiming April 17, 2014 As Florence Alumnae Chapter Of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Day In Florence County. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Proclamation and presented the framed Proclamation To Ms. Heyward. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD PROCLAMATION
The Clerk published the title of the Proclamation: A Proclamation Recognizing And Supporting The Efforts Of North Vista Elementary School As They Celebrate The Week Of April 6 – 12 As The Week Of The Young Child 2014: Early Years Are Learning Years. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Proclamation. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION-DAVID EXUM
The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety: A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For Retired EMS Operations Manager David Exum For His Commendable Service. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Poston presented Mr. Exum with a framed Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2013/14
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 28-2013/14: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of A Portion Of 16 Foot Alley/No Name Located In The Florence Area. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2013/14
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 29-2013/14: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of A Portion Of Howard Street Located In The Florence Area. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
RESOLUTION NO. 30-2013/14
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 30-2013/14: A Resolution Designating April 2014 As Fair Housing Month. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2013/14
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 31-2013/14: An Inducement Resolution In Which Florence County Council Agrees, Upon Certain Conditions, To Take Action Authorizing A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes And Special Source Revenue Credit With Respect To An Expansion Project In The County (Project Olympus). Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion. Councilman Culberson made a motion to Amend Paragraph Four (4) On Page Two (2) Of Resolution No. 31-2013/14 By Inserting On Line Six (6) Of Paragraph Four (4) After 2013, And Maintain The Investment. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion to amend, which was approved unanimously. The Resolution as amended was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2013/14
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 32-2013/14: A Resolution To Approve A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement With The Cherokee County Sheriff’s Office Requested By The Florence County Sheriff’s Office And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. At the request of Councilman Kirby, County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. provided a brief explanation of the Agreement.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2013/14 – THIRD READING DEFERRED
ORDINANCE NO. 18-2013/14 – THIRD READING
The Chairman stated third reading of Ordinance No. 18-2013/14 was deferred: 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2013/14 – SECOND READING DEFERRED
The Chairman stated Council was asked to defer second reading on Ordinance No. 21-2013/14, as well: An Ordinance To Amend The Boundaries Of The Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire Protection District In Florence County, South Carolina, To Approve The Annual Levy And Collection Of Ad Valorem Taxes For The Operation And Maintenance Thereof, To Approve The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds On Behalf Of The District, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2013/14 – INTRODUCED
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 1920 Pamplico Hwy., Florence, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 90134, Block 02, Parcel 007, From Residential Preservation To Commercial Growth And Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2013/14 – INTRODUCED
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 23-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Norma Jean Watford Located At 1920 Pamplico Hwy., Florence, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90134, Block 02, Parcel 007; Consisting Of Approximately 0.43 Acres From R-1, Single-Family Residential District, To B-3, General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2013/14 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 24-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced By Title Only: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Inclusive Of All Unzoned Properties In Council District Five And Six Bounded By Freedom Boulevard, National Cemetery Road, Francis Marion Road, Wickerwood Road, Flowers Road, Pamplico Highway, South Vance Drive, Furches Avenue, And The Westernmost Boundary Of Council District Six That Connects Furches Avenue And Freedom Boulevard, Florence, SC From Unzoned To The Following Zoning Designations Of R-1, R-2, And R-3A, Single-Family Residential District, B-1, Limited Business District, B-2, Convenience Business District And B-3, General Commercial District; Consistent With The Land Use Element And Map Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan; And Other Matters Related Thereto.
ORDINANCE NO. 25-2013/14 – INTRODUCED
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 25-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate The Best And Highest Price For The Sale Of Certain Real Property And/Or Granting Of A Right-Of-Way For Real Property Owned By Florence County To The South Carolina Department Of Transportation As It Relates To The Capital Project Sales Tax I Road Projects; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2013/14 – INTRODUCED
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 26-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Ratify FY14 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2013/14 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 27-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced By Title Only: An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Chapter 44 Of Title 12, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee And Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Olympus; Authorizing The Conversion Of An Existing Title-Transfer FILOT Lease Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Olympus To A Fee Agreement; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2013/14 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 28-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced By Title Only: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County And Project R, Whereby Florence County Will Enter Into A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Arrangement With Project R, And Providing For Payment By Project R, Of Certain Fees-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes; Providing For Special Source Revenue Or Infrastructure Improvement Credits; Providing For The Allocation Of Fees-In-Lieu Of Taxes Payable Under The Agreement For The Establishment Of A Multi-County Industrial/Business Park; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2014/15 – INTRODUCED
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 01-2014/15 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced and referred the Ordinance to the Committee on Administration & Finance pursuant to County Code Section 2-249: An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014 And Ending June 30, 2015; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto. The Chairman stated for the public’s information that there was no discussion on introduction of an Ordinance, but that in accordance with State law, the budget as submitted by Administration was balanced. A meeting would be scheduled in the next two weeks to discuss the budget and other matters.
APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:
Chairman Schofield called to Council’s attention the list of Boards & Commissions and asked that members review the list to determine any expired terms or vacancies and urged Council to fill appointments to enable the various Boards & Commissions to hold meetings to handle the business of the County. Several Boards were unable to complete tasks due to the lack of a quorum at meetings because of vacancies or expired terms.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS
Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2014 Through February 28, 2014 As An Item For The Record.

SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE COORDINATING COUNCIL
Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize The Submission Of An Application To The State Of South Carolina Department Of Commerce Coordinating Council For Economic Development Grant Program In The Amount Of $200,000 For Project W Expansion. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CLERK OF COURT/PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Declare Two (2) Canon MS400 Microfilm Scanning Units As Obsolete Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/PROCUREMENT

PROPERTY LEASE
Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Lease Of A Portion Of Land Located At 6949 East National Cemetery Road And Owned By Florence County Fire Board, TMP# 338-01-092, To Construct A New Communications Tower As Part Of The Radio Systems Upgrade In The Amount Of $1.00 A Year For Fifty (50) Years. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE/FACILITY MANAGEMENT/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 22-13/14
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid No. 22-13/14 For Leak Repairs To Rear Terrace Area Of The County Complex Building To Core Construction Of W. Columbia, SC In The Amount Of $31,082 To Be Funded By The Approved Capital Project Sales Tax II. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
Chairman Schofield informed Council that the bonds for the Capital Project Sales Tax II were sold and should close in the next couple of weeks. The citizens of Florence County received a very favorable interest rate on those bonds. The County should begin receiving funds about the time that the penny would begin to pay for the bonds on May 1st. Councilman Dorriety asked if the County would receive a premium on the bonds. Mr. Smith responded that it would be around $12.5 million, due to the fact that IRS regulations wouldn’t allow more than 10%. The low bidder was J.P. Morgan Securities, LLC.

OLANTHA FIRE DEPARTMENT/PROCUREMENT

PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TANKER FIRE PUMPERS
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Authorize The Use Of The Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. FS12-13 Awarded To Ferrara Fire Apparatus To Purchase Two (2) Freightliner Extruded Tanker Fire Pumpers With The Necessary Equipment For A Total Cost Of $522,954 (Includes $600 Vehicle Tax) For The Olanta Fire Department As Funded By The Approved Capital Project Sales Tax II. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 20-13/14
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Award Bid No. 20-13/14 For Fencing For The Laverne Ard Park Football Field To Watford Fencing Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of $12,969 (Including Tax) From Previously Approved FY2013-14 Infrastructure Funds. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) NO. 17-13/14
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve RFQ No. 17-13/14 For Professional Architectural Services For A New Veterans Affairs Building To Key Architecture, Inc. Of Florence, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate A Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REVIEW PANEL APPOINTMENT
There being no volunteers or objections, the Chairman Appointed Himself To Serve On The Proposal Review Panel For Guaranteed Energy Savings Services.
ADMINISTRATION/RECREATION

ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Use Of Contingency Funds To Complete The Master Plan For The Wildlife Center And Related Items At The Lynches River County Park. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

HANNAH-SALEM-FRIENDFIELD FIRE DEPT./PROCUREMENT

PURCHASE FIRE PUMPERS
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Authorize The Purchase Of Six (6) Fire Pumpers And The Necessary Equipment From The Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program For The Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire Department In An Amount Not To Exceed $2,700,000 As Funded In The Capital Project Sales Tax II. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith stated for the record that any future rolling stock purchases for tankers may be foregone due to this allocation and the Fire Chief was aware of that fact. In response to questions from members of Council, Mr. Smith responded that the total allocation for Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire District under the CPST II was $4,045,000; the six (6) pumpers would be $2,673,500, which would leave a balance of $1,371,500. If you take off the four (4) tankers, the balance would be $371,500, but the buildings were projected to cost $960,000 according to the architect so there would be a shortage of $528,000 and that was why he said future rolling stock purchases would be foregone. Councilman Bradley stated that he wanted to remind everyone that as the process continued it was very important to the public that local and minority businesses play a part in the process.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

GREATER OLANTA YOUTH ORGANIZATION
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $2,500 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For The Purchase Of A New Pitching Machine And Bases For The Greater Olanta Youth Organization. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF COWARD
Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $2,500 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Town Of Coward With The Balance Of Funding For The Purchase Of A Camera System For Surveillance Of The Town, Park, Ball Field And Both Water Wells. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
**PEE DEE CAP TRANSITIONAL SHELTER**
Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $5,000 From Council Districts 3 And 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Approximately $2,500 From Each District) To Assist The Pee Dee Community Action Partnership (CAP) Transitional Shelter With The Purchase Of A Commercial Washer And Dryer. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**PEE DEE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP WEED & SEED**
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $14,421 From Council Districts 3, 7 And 8 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Approximately $4,807 From Each District) To Replace And Install Heat Pumps At Pee Dee Community Action Partnership Weed And Seed Safe Haven. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY**

**GREENWOOD ATHLETIC FIELD**
Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Not To Exceed $168,000 From Council Districts’ Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations From Each District As Indicated On The Appropriate Documentation To Purchase Lighting For The Greenwood 300 Foot Dixie Youth Baseball Athletic Field. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)**

**LAUREL CIRCLE**
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $26,169 From Council District 7 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt On Laurel Circle. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**RED DOE ROAD**
Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $19,705 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Additional Crushed Asphalt For Red Doe Road. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**W. CAUDLE AVENUE**
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $29,520 From Council District 8 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 6” Full Depth Patching And 1 ½” Surface Type C (Per SCDOT S-21-540) On The Section Of W. Caudle Avenue From Irby Street Just Past O’Reilly’s Auto Parts Entrance, 200’ X 22’. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
W. LAKE DRIVE
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $11,550 From Council District 9 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Full Depth Patching Of W. Lake Drive (210 sy) In Florence, SC. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY
CITY OF LAKE CITY
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $25,000 From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City With Water Line Upgrades/Replacements And Additional Fire Hydrant On Darlington Street In Lake City. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Councilman Culberson 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. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 9:49 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:42 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 10:42 A.M.