

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014, 8:30 A.M.,
CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 802, COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N.
IRBY STREET, FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

James T. Schofield, 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
Malloy McEachin, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ABSENT:

Waymon Mumford, Vice Chairman
Jason M. Springs, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Samuel K. Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter
Ken Baker, WMBF News Report

A notice of the Special Called meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the September 3, 2014 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the meeting Agenda were provided to members of the media, members of the public requesting copies, and posted in the lobby of the County Complex, the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library and 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 Councilman Dorriety led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Schofield welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2014/15

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 05-2014/15: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 01-2014/15 In Order To Increase The Millage Rates Previously Levied For Fire Protection Services And Other Matters Related Thereto.

Councilman Caudle questioned if the wording should be 'increase' or 'adjust' the millage. He said if the millage went up and then everything worked out it could be adjusted back down. Councilman Culberson stated that was something that could be discussed and decided prior to final reading and approval of the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley asked if it would be an increase in every district. Chairman Schofield stated it was an increase in every district except Johnsonville; very little in Windy Hill, Olanta, and Howe Springs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Caudle 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 Legal Matter. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 8:35 a.m.

Council reconvened at 8:54 a.m.

WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT:

Councilman Dorriety made a motion that Council suspend the litigation against the West Florence Fire Department. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which failed with a three (3) to five (5) vote. Voting in favor of the motion were Councilmen, Kirby, Bradley, and Dorriety. Voting in opposition to the motion were Chairman Schofield, Councilmen Culberson, Caudle, Poston and Councilman Springs by proxy.

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 8:55 A.M.