

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014, 8:00 A.M.,
ROOM 604, 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
Malloy McEachin, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ABSENT:

Jason M. Springs, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Morning News Staffwriter
Ken Baker, WMBF News Report

A notice of the Special Called meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the September 24, 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 Vice Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Schofield welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2014/15

The Clerk published the title and the Chairman opened public hearing for 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. There being no signatures on the sign-in sheet, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2014/15 – THIRD READING

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 made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson 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 (by Proxy presented by Councilman Poston). Voting 'No' were Councilmen Kirby, Bradley and Dorriety.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2014/15 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 07-2014/15: An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes Of Florence County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Shall Be Expended, Covenanting To Issue A General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina Sufficient To Make Payment Of Said Bond Anticipation Note, To Provide For The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Poston made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. 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, Kirby, Caudle, and Springs (by Proxy presented by Councilman Poston). Voting 'No' was Councilman Dorriety.

Councilman Dorriety asked what was included in the \$3.5 million. County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. responded that there were four outstanding general obligation bonds and several non-bond obligations that were payable from the districts that were dissolved and there was currently no legal basis for the County Auditor to do that.

In response to a question from Councilman Caudle, the Chairman confirmed that this was the funding for the debt obligations for the fire districts. Chairman Schofield provided the following as a breakdown of the legal fees the County had incurred with regard to the fire districts:

- Fees for the fire district reorganization \$409.50
- Fees of the Floyd/Crawford lawsuit \$28,340.00
- Fees for the suit challenging Act 183 expected to be about \$120,000.00
- Fees for the issuance of the Bond Anticipation Note \$20,000.00

Mr. Smith asked if the County Auditor needed to be notified to remove the 3.5 mills from the tax notice. The Chairman confirmed that he did.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:09 A.M.