

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014, 9:00 A.M., COUNTY COMPLEX,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803, 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
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Jack Newsome, Tax Assessor
Dale Rauch, Facilities Department
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Chief Deputy, Glen Kirby
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections
Alan Smith, Library Director
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter
Ken Baker, WMBF News Reporter
Matt Petrillo, WBTW 13 News Reporter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the October 15, 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 in the newly renovated chambers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The September 18, 2014 Regular Meeting And The September 25, 2014 Special Called Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk published the titles and the Chairman opened public hearings for the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2014/15

An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Article I. Establishment, Purpose, Rules For The Interpretation Of Zoning Districts, And Zoning Annexed Property. Section 30-4. – Adoption Of Flood Hazard Area Maps, Article II. – Zoning District Regulations, Division 4. – FH Flood Hazard District, And Article X. – Definitions; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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 The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

No Appearances Were Requested Or Scheduled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Chairman Schofield stated he would like to report that, although *Ordinance No. 03-2013/14 – Procurement Code* had not been formally reported out by the Committee, the Ordinance was approved at the September 18, 2014 regular meeting of County Council and would be removed from the list of items assigned to the Committee.

The item listed as *September 18, 2014 Greenwood Manned Convenience Center (MCC) Site* was discussed at a Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 25, 2014. Councilman Culberson made a motion that staff hire an engineer for the Greenwood Manned Convenience Center site project and move forward with obtaining costs, etc. on moving the project forward. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

Committee Chairman Culberson stated the Committee met on September 25, 2014 to discuss the status of the Miracle League and it was the consensus of the Committee to allow legal counsel to work with the Parks & Recreation Department and the Miracle League Board to establish the 501(c)(3) status so that they can move forward and it was a work in progress. Councilman Caudle commented this was a good move by County Council and encouraged folks to attend games held by the Miracle League.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

The Chairman stated that, at the request of Principal Julie Smith, who was unable to attend the meeting, the first item under Resolutions (*A Resolution Of Recognition For Royall Elementary School For Earning The Blue Ribbon School Award For Educational Excellence*) would be deferred until a later meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2014/15

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 10-2014/15: A Resolution To Express Florence County's Request That The South Carolina General Assembly Increase The Allocation To The Local Government Fund To Both Provide Property Taxpayers With The Relief They Have Been Promised And Allow County Government The Ability To Provide The State And Local Government Services Required Under State Law. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets, the Chairman closed the Public Hearings.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2014/15 – THIRD 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 The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved with an eight (8) to one (1) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Schofield and Councilmen Culberson, Poston, Bradley, Mumford, Kirby, Caudle and Springs. Voting 'no' was Councilman Dorriety.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2013/14 – TABLED

Chairman Schofield stated Ordinance No. 21-2013/14 was no longer necessary: 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. Councilman Mumford made a motion to table the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2013/14 – SECOND READING DEFERRED

Chairman Schofield stated second reading of Ordinance No. 24-2013/14 was deferred: 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. 04-2014/15 – TABLED

The Chairman stated it had been determined that Ordinance No. 04-2014/15 was no longer necessary: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code Of Ordinances Chapter 27, Public Roads And Ways To Establish Procedures For Road Paving Program; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion to table the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford stated he felt this was an excellent step and this would enable the County to move much quicker with the projects.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2014/15 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 06-2014/15: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Article I. Establishment, Purpose, Rules For The Interpretation Of Zoning Districts, And Zoning Annexed Property. Section 30-4. – Adoption Of Flood Hazard Area Maps, Article II. – Zoning District Regulations, Division 4. – FH Flood Hazard District, And Article X. – Definitions; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2014/15 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 08-2014/15 and the Chairman Declared The Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance Recommending A Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment To Change The Land Use Map Designations For Properties In Florence County Located In Florence Bounded By I-95, W. Lucas St., N. Cashua Dr., And W. Sumter St., More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 00121, Block 01, Parcel 040, Tax Map Numbers 00122, Block 01, Parcels 031-034, 037, 039, 068, 077, 079-080, 086, 089-090, 092, 103-105, 110, 113, 117, 119-120, 126, 138, 141-142, 144-166, 168-170, 172, 180, 213-217, 224-227, 241, 246, 250, 252-255, 260-263, Tax Map Numbers 01211, Block 01, Parcels 029, 031-033, 042-044, 046-052, 054-056, 084-085, 088-089, 092, 100 And 119 To Commercial Growth And Preservation And Tax Map Numbers 00122-01-059, 114, 245, 258 To Industrial Growth And Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2014/15 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 09-2014/15 and the Chairman Declared The Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Inclusive Of All Unzoned Properties In Council District Three Bounded By I-95, W. Lucas St., N. Cashua Dr., And W. Sumter St., More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 00121, Block 01, Parcel 040, Tax Map Number 00122, Block 01, Parcels 031-035, 037, 039, 064, 067-068, 070, 074-075, 077, 079-080, 082, 086-087, 089-090, 092-093, 100, 102-105, 108-110, 112-113, 117, 119-120, 122, 124-126, 138-142, 144-166, 168-173, 175-176, 180, 183-185, 208-217, 224-227, 241, 246, 249-250, 252-255, 259-263, 271, Tax Map Number 01211, Block 01, Parcels 029, 031-052, 054-056, 067-070, 072, 075, 084-085, 088-089, 091-092, 094, 096-100, 102-104, 119 To B-3, General Commercial District, Tax Map Number 01211, Block 01, Parcels 008-009, 011-024, 076-077, 117-118 To R-3A, Single Family Residential District, Tax Map Number 01211, Block 01, Parcels 007, 025-028, 078, 081, 095 To RU-1, Rural Community District And Tax Map Number 00122, Block 01, Parcels 036, 059-060, 091, 099, 114, 181, 238, 242, 245, 258, 273, 336 To B-5, Office And Light Industrial District; Consistent With The Land Use Element And Map Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2014/15 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 10-2014/15 and the Chairman Declared The Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code, Chapter 30 – Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-264. Responsibility Of Administrative Official, Section 30-293. Board Of Zoning Appeals.; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2014/15 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 11-2014/15 and the Chairman Declared The Ordinance Introduced By Title Only and Referred The Ordinance To The Committee On Administration & Finance For Review: An Ordinance Authorizing The Award, Execution, And Delivery Of A Performance Contract For Energy And Utility Conservation Measures By Florence County, South Carolina; Authorizing The Award, Execution, And Delivery Of A Lease Purchase Agreement By Florence County, South Carolina In A Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$8,000,000, Relating To Such Performance Contract; Authorizing The Execution Of Other Necessary Documents And Papers; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2014/15 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 12-2014/15 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 Cowgirl, Whereby Florence County Will Enter Into A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Arrangement With Project Cowgirl, And Providing For Payment By Project Cowgirl Of Certain Fees-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Re-Appoint Scott Collins To The Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, representing Council District 8 with appropriate expiration term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2015 Through August 31, 2014 As An Item For The Record.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Purchase Of Property Located At 221 West Sumter Street, Florence, Tax Map Number 00122-01-035, In The Amount Of \$36,000 Plus Closing Costs, For The Construction Of An EMS Substation And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute The Appropriate Documents Pending County Attorney Review and Insert A Caveat To Ensure The Property Would Perk Prior To Finalizing The Purchase (as requested by the County Administrator). Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Councilman Caudle asked if this was the same property Council previously voted to exercise an option on. The Chairman confirmed that it was. Councilman Caudle asked if the 90 days was about to expire and Mr. Smith confirmed that it was. Councilman Dorriety asked the funding source. The Chairman stated it would come from the Capital Project Sales Tax. The motion to approve with the caveat was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Declare The Analog Radio System Radios, Components And Parts As Surplus Property As It Is Replaced And Authorize Disposal By The Means Most Advantageous To The County. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Declare Various Computer Equipment As Surplus Property And Authorize Disposal By The Means Most Advantageous To The County. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

CHAMBERS RENOVATIONS

Mr. Smith commended staff for the renovations and transformation of the Council Chambers. He stated he would like for the facilities staff to come up to a meeting to be recognized for the work they had done. It was unbelievable what they had done in the re-stacking of the Complex and the cost savings to the taxpayers. He commended Bill Griffenberg and the IT staff. He also recognized Kerry Floyd and Paula Fleming with Media Source 1 for their efforts to set up the recording equipment for the meeting. Chairman Schofield stated it was 'iffy' at the last minute if the meeting would be held in the Council Chambers and commended staff for making that happen at the last minute.

CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX (CPST) II

Mr. Smith stated he had an additional item for Council's edification. Mike Meetze, Project Manager, and he had been in numerous meetings in the last few weeks endeavoring to propel the multitudinous CPST II projects forward. They had prepared and provided Council with a book that included a project summary update and would consistently update the information for Council as projects progressed. He commended Jennifer Bailey on his staff for putting the information together.

OTHER BUSINESS:

UTILITY

SPAULDING HEIGHTS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$90,000 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (\$5,000 Each From Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9; \$10,000 From District 3; and \$45,000 From District 7) For The Expansion Of The Spaulding Heights Community Building. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY

PEE DEE COALITION

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$36,500 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (\$4,000 Each From Districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9; and \$4,056 Each From Districts 6 and 8) For Building Improvements And Repairs, Equipment Purchases, And Security Upgrades For The Pee Dee Coalition. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SARDIS-TIMMONSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Not To Exceed \$45,000 From Council Districts 4, 8, and 9 Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$15,000 From Each District) To Assist The Sardis-Timmons ville Fire Department With The Purchase Of Extrication Equipment. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY/ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

RESURFACING ROADS

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$347,450.25 From Council District 6 Utility/RSMF Funding Allocations To Pay For The Resurfacing Of Justine Drive, College Lake Drive, Kirby Farm Drive, Marion Green Road, Milling And Resurfacing Of Cypress Bend And Full Depth Patching And Resurfacing Of Fleetwood Drive and Welch Drive. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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 To Discuss A Contractual Matter. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:27 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

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 10:18 A.M.