

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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
Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Department Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Bill Griffenberg, CIO
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Sheriff Kenney Boone
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter
Matt Petrillo, WBTW News 13 Reporter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the December 10, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The November 20, 2014 Regular Meeting And The December 1, 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. 13-2014/15

An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 114 Steele Avenue, Pamplico, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 60008, Block 01, Parcel 004, From Rural Preservation To Commercial Growth And Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2014/15

An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code Of Ordinances Section 9-2(a) To Increase The Fee To Be Collected For The Issuance Of A Marriage License In Florence County And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

County Attorney D. Malloy McEachin, Jr. stated a letter was received from Carla Crouch expressing opposition to Ordinance No. 13-2014/15.

APPEARANCES:

CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST WINNER

Council recognized the 2014 Christmas Card Contest Winner, Sarah Elizabeth Brashear, 11 year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Brashear. Vice Chairman Mumford presented Miss Brashear with a framed copy of her artwork and a prize of \$100.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2014/15

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 13-2014/15: A Resolution To Approve A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement With The Lexington County Sheriff's Office Requested By The Florence County Sheriff's Office And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford 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. 08-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 08-2014/15: 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. Councilman Bradley made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 09-2014/15: 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. Councilman Bradley made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 10-2014/15: 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. Councilman Bradley made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 11-2014/15: 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. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion. Councilman Dorriety commented that he was of the understanding that Council approved a lesser amount than the \$8 million. County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. stated Finance Director Kevin Yokim could provide details and that he was notified that the interest rate model used was 3.15 and when it was bid it came in at 2.28. Mr. Yokim confirmed Councilman Dorriety was correct and that the actual project should come in somewhere between \$6.5 and \$7 million. Councilman Dorriety asked why the amount didn't drop to 'not to exceed \$7 million.' Mr. Yokim responded that leaving the amount at \$8 million left the County with the potential to add other projects. Councilman Caudle made a motion to Amend The Ordinance To State 'Not Exceeding \$7,000,000.' Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Third reading of the Ordinance as amended was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 14-2014/15: An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For The Development Of A Joint Industrial And Business Park Dated November 18, 2010 By And Between Darlington And Florence Counties So As To Enlarge The Park (Polyquest). Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2014/15: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code Of Ordinances Section 9-2(a) To Increase The Fee To Be Collected For The Issuance Of A Marriage License In Florence County And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson 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. 13-2014/15 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 13-2014/15: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 114 Steele Avenue, Pamplico, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 60008, Block 01, Parcel 004, From Rural Preservation To Commercial Growth And Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Poston made a motion Council recall this item from the Committee on Public Service & County Planning. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Poston made a motion to Table the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Appoint Karon Epps To Serve On The Planning Commission, representing Council District 1 (Replacing Roger Kirby Who Resigned To Serve In The SC House Of Representatives) with appropriate expiration term. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Recommendation Of The Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board of Directors For The Nomination Of Dr. Gregory V. Browning To The Governor For Appointment To The Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board of Directors, with appropriate expiration term. Councilman Dorriety 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 October 31, 2014 As An Item For The Record.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

2015 CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The 2015 Calendar Of Meeting Dates And Holidays. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/IT

IT STRATEGIC PLAN

Chairman Schofield stated several members of Council asked that this item be addressed in Executive Session so action would be deferred until after executive session.

PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare Five (5) Vehicles And One (1) Mower As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,000 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Johnsonville With Infrastructure Improvements/Enhancements At The Johnsonville Park. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

JOHNSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$6,100 From Council District 2 Utility Funding Allocation For Additional Costs Associated With The Installation Of 1,000 Feet Of 1 ½” PVC Potable Water And Necessary Taps, Meters And Check Valves To Provide Potable Water And 1,000 Feet Of 4” Public Service Piping To Provide Water For Two Hydrants On Bazen Trail From Highway 378 To The Kingsburg Fire Station Site. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve A Resolution Of Appreciation For Councilman Russell W. Culberson For Over 20 Years Of Commendable Service To The Citizens of Florence County While Serving In Council District 6. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Culberson received a standing ovation. Councilman Culberson expressed his appreciation for the recognition and for the support he received from Council and staff while serving.

Sheriff Kenney Boone also presented Councilman Culberson with a plaque from the Sheriff's Office expressing appreciation for his support of law enforcement.

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 Contractual Matter and a Legal Matter. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:23 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

Subsequent to Executive Session, Council took the following action:

IT STRATEGIC PLAN

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The IT Strategic Plan As Presented By The Florence County Chief Information Officer And Ask The County Administrator To Develop A Funding Plan With First Emphasis On No Tax Increase, But In No Event To Exceed 1.9 Mil Increase. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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 10:48 A.M.