

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015, 9:00 A.M., COUNTY COMPLEX,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803, 180 N. IRBY STREET,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

Roger M. Poston, Chairman
James T. Schofield, Vice Chairman
Mitchell Kirby, Secretary-Chaplain
Waymon Mumford, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
Kent C. Caudle, Council Member
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Council Member
Jason M. Springs, Council Member
H. Steven DeBerry, IV, Council Member
K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Coroner Keith Lutcken
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Department Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Jack Newsome, Tax Assessor
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Sam Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Alan Smith, Library Director
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter
Nickolas Ammons, Intern

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the June 17, 2015 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 Poston called the meeting to order. Secretary/Chaplain Kirby provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Schofield led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Poston welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The May 14, 2015 Budget Worksession, The May 21, 2015 Regular Meeting And The June 4, 2015 Special Called Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk published the titles of the items for Public Hearing and the Chairman opened the Public Hearings.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2014/15

An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Three Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$3,560,000) General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2014/15

An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$8,300,000) General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Florence County Fire Protection District), To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bond, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2014/15

An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollar (\$575,000) General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bond, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2015/16

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 01-2015/16 In Order To Increase The Debt Service Millage For Florence County For The FY2015/16 Budget And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

There Were No Appearances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee Chairman Mumford commended the Spaulding Heights and Wilson Heights community groups for taking the initiative and picking up litter in those areas. He encouraged other community groups and citizens to do the same.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, MILITARY AFFAIRS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Committee Chairman Bradley expressed appreciation to the City of Florence for its support of projects in District 3 with regard to water/sewer lines.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

The Clerk published the title of a Resolution of Recognition for Olivia McConnell: A Resolution Of Recognition For Olivia McConnell In Recognition Of Her Multitudinous Meritorious Achievements. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Springs commented that Museum Director Andrew Stout provided Council members with a copy of the book recently published that was written by nine year-old Olivia McConnell entitled *Can You Dig It?* Miss McConnell took on the State Legislature and successfully convinced the Legislature to adopt the Columbia Mammoth as the State Fossil. A framed Resolution would be presented to Miss McConnell on July 2nd at her book signing in Lake City.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2014/15

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 27-2014/15: A Resolution Requesting Florence County Update And Renew Contracts To Administer Certain Planning And Building Code Enforcement Services For The Town Of Pamplico And The Town Of Timmonsville; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2014/15

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 28-2014/15: A Resolution To Approve A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement With The Spartanburg 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 Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2014/15

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 29-2014/15: 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 Caudle made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2014/15

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 30-2014/15: A Resolution To Approve A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement With The Marlboro County Sheriff's Office Requested By The Florence County Sheriff's Office And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets for the public hearings, Chairman Poston declared the Public Hearings closed.

Chairman Poston requested that Ms. Mildred Smalls Thomas, a resident of Council District 2, be allowed to address Council regarding Ervin Thomas Road. There were no objections voiced. Ms. Thomas expressed displeasure at the method of 'rocking' used on Ervin Thomas Road. Ms. Thomas provided a box of rocks that in her opinion were too large for the purpose in which they were intended on that road. Chairman Poston thanked Mrs. Thomas for making the County aware of the concerns and informed her that he had spoken with the appropriate staff at the County Public Works office and necessary steps were being taken to rectify this situation.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 29-2014/15: An Ordinance To Amend Sections Of Florence County Code Chapter 13, Garbage And Trash, Article 1. In General; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford expressed appreciation to the County Attorney and County Administrator for the work they put into the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 30-2014/15: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located North Of Meadors Road, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 00052, Block 01, Parcel 005, From Rural Preservation To Residential Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 31-2014/15: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By South Florence Developers And Gary Finklea Located On Meadors Road And Lake Oakdale Drive, Florence County As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00052, Block 01, Parcel 005 Consisting Of Approximately 60.12 Acres From RU-1, Rural Community District To R-2, Single-Family Residential District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 32-2014/15: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map To Change The Flood Hazard District To Reflect The New 2014 Flood Zones; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2014/15 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 34-2014/15: An Ordinance To Ratify FY15 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Councilman Springs made a motion to Amend Ordinance No. 34-2014/15 To Amend Section 1a1 To Increase Account 10-341-335-120-0000 And Account 10-471-455-000-6800 By \$25,000 To \$71,070 And To Amend Section 1c To Reduce The Transfer From The Museum Capital Project Fund Back To The Local Hospitality Tax Fund By \$52,860 From \$648,773 To \$595,913. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion to Amend, which was approved with an eight (8) to one (1) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Poston, Councilmen DeBerry, Mumford, Bradley, Schofield, Caudle, Dorriety and Springs. Voting “no” was Councilman Kirby. Third reading of the Ordinance as Amended was approved with a seven (7) to two (2) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Poston, Councilmen DeBerry, Mumford, Bradley, Schofield, Caudle, and Springs. Voting “no” were Councilmen Kirby and Dorriety.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2015/16 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 01-2015/16: An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015 And Ending June 30, 2016; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payments Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion to approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion. Councilman Springs made a motion to Amend Ordinance No. 01-2015/16 To Reduce Budget For The Local Hospitality Tax Fund By \$41,179 From \$1,900,295 To \$1,859,116 And To Increase The Budget For The E911 System Fund By \$59,499 From \$1,901,756 To \$1,961,255. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved with an eight (8) to one (1) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Poston, Councilmen DeBerry, Mumford, Bradley, Schofield, Caudle, Dorriety and Springs. Voting “no” was Councilman Kirby. Third reading of the Ordinance as Amended was approved with a seven (7) to two (2) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Poston, Councilmen DeBerry, Mumford, Bradley, Schofield, Caudle, and Springs. Voting “no” were Councilmen Kirby and Dorriety

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2013/14 – TABLED

Chairman Poston stated Council was asked to Table Ordinance No. 24-2013/14: 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. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Table Ordinance No. 24-2013/14. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2014/15 – SECOND READING

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ORDINANCE NO. 38-2014/15 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 38-2014/15 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced By Title Only: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Inclusive Of All Unzoned Properties In Council Districts Five And Six Bounded By Freedom Boulevard, Jefferies Creek, 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 RU-1, Rural Community 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.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Reappointment Of Robert Hawkins To Serve On The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, Seat 1, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Reappointment Of Dwight Hyman To Serve On The Board Of Assessment Appeals, Representing Council District 9, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Dennis Dorman To Serve On The Economic Development Partnership Board, Representing Council District 9, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Reappointment Of Cheryl Floyd To Serve On The Planning Commission, Representing Council District 5, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

CPST I & II UPDATE

County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. provided a brief update on the Capital Project Sales Tax projects I and II progress.

DEPARTMENT HEADS MEETING

Mr. Smith also provided a summary of the most recent meeting with department heads.

PEE DEE CANNONS AD HOC RECOVERY COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith provided an update on the recovery of the Pee Dee Cannons from the Pee Dee River that were scheduled to be exhibited at the Veterans Park. The County was requested to establish an Ad Hoc Recovery Committee to work with representatives from the University to inform the community of the recovery process, as well as provide important information pertaining to their history, conservation and future exhibit plans. It was requested that members of the committee be as follows: three (3) representatives from Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, two (2) representatives from Florence County Council and two (2) additional appointees made by the Chairman of County Council. It was anticipated the start date for the recovery of the cannons would begin the week of July 13th. Chairman Poston stated that with the consent of Council he would make the appropriate appointments.

JUDICIAL CENTER SELECTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith provided a progress report on the judicial center. The Judicial Center Advisory Committee was formed in early 2014 to work with the architects on the schematic design of the courthouse phase. Five (5) members of the Judicial Center Advisory Committee agreed to serve on the Judicial Center Selection Committee to select the construction manager at-risk. Those members were Solicitor Ed Clements, Clerk of Court Connie Shearin, Resident Circuit Court Judge Michael Nettles, Vice Chairman James Schofield and Administrative Services Director Suzanne King. This Committee would review the qualification statements received from contractors and short-list the firms, then schedule interviews with the firms to further reduce the list of contractors for the manager at-risk process.

HWY. 76 CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT

Mr. Smith provided an update on the Hwy. 76 Corridor Enhancement project. One of the first items for consideration would be the possibility of a zoning initiative for the area. Planning Director Jay Graham was asked to meet with the two (2) Council members of that area to present information relative to the initiative.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2015 Through April 30, 2015 As An Item For The Record.

FINANCE

FY2015-2016 STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ALLOCATIONS

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of \$225,000 In State Accommodations Tax Funding Allocations As Recommended By The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee For FY2015/2016. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MUSEUM

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The Florence County Museum And The Florence Regional Arts Alliance Regarding The Use Of Office Space At The Waters Gallery. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 30-14/15

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Award Bid No. 30-14/15 For Rubber Surfacing For Ebenezer Park To Creative Playscapes Of Matthews, SC In The Amount Of \$96,812 From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 25-14/15

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize The Award Of Bid No. 25-14/15 For Capital Project Sales Tax II Section XII And District 7 Road Paving Projects In The Amount Of \$3,232,709.47 To Wade-Lott, Inc. Of Conway, South Carolina To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. For clarification, Councilman Mumford stated that \$374,544.53 would be from Council District 7. Councilman Caudle asked who would be responsible for supervising and inspecting this work to ensure it was completed to the appropriate standards. Mr. Smith responded that County Public Works would oversee and also the next item on the Agenda (Contract Approval) was to ensure construction oversight on the projects according to the specs. Councilman Kirby asked if there was a projected completion date on these road projects. Mr. Smith responded 240 days. Councilman Mumford commended Project Manager Mike Meetze and Mr. Smith for the efforts put forth to reduce costs and ensure projects were completed to standards as expeditiously as possible. Councilman Bradley expressed appreciation for the efforts Mr. Meetze put forth in District 3. He went beyond just overseeing the projects, he went into the community to alleviate concerns and answer questions.

CONTRACT APPROVAL

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Authorize ICA Engineering From The Engineering On-Call List To Provide Construction Engineering And Inspection Services (CEI) For Various Road Paving Projects In The Amount Of \$75,000 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SOLICITATION FOR REPLACEMENT – MAIN SWITCHGEAR

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve Solicitation For Replacement Of The Main Switchgear In The County Complex To Be Funded From Building Commission Funds At An Estimated Cost Of \$1,000,000. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to questions from Councilman Dorriety, Mr. Smith replied that this project would basically deplete the fund balance from this fund and confirmed that the project would be bid.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT – TOWN OF SCRANTON

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve A Contractual Agreement With The Town Of Scranton To Provide Victim Services. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

FORE ROAD

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$15,330 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocations To Pay For MBC Stone For Fore Road. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following item was an addition to the Agenda:

N. ROBERTS STREET

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$35,000 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Resurfacing Of 1550' x 22' Of N. Roberts Street From Roughfork Street To Mullins Street. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:46 A.M.