

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016, 9:00 A.M., COUNTY COMPLEX,
180 N. IRBY STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803,
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
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

ABSENT:

Jason M. Springs, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Connie Reel-Shearin, Clerk of Court
Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Bonnita K. Andrews, Human Resources Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Jack Newsome, Tax Assessor
Samuel K. Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Alan Smith, Library Director
Randy Godbold, VA Officer
Doris O'Hara, Deputy Clerk of Court
Dale Rauch, Facilities
Joshua Lloyd, Morning News Staffwriter (entered at 9:16 a.m.)
Tonya Brown, WPDE TV15 News Reporter (entered at 9:55 a.m.)

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the January 20, 2016 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016

Chairman Poston turned the gavel over to County Attorney D. Malloy McEachin, Jr. to preside over the Election of Officers for 2016. Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Councilman Caudle nominated Roger M. Poston to serve as Chairman for 2016. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, with Councilman Springs voting by Proxy (a copy is attached and incorporated by reference).

Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman for 2016. Councilman DeBerry nominated Councilman Kent C. Caudle to serve as Vice Chairman for 2016. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously with Councilman Springs voting by Proxy (a copy is attached and incorporated by reference).

Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Secretary-Chaplain for 2016. Councilman Bradley nominated Mitchell Kirby as Secretary-Chaplain for 2016. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously, with Councilman Springs voting by Proxy (a copy is attached and incorporated by reference).

Chairman Poston declared a brief recess to reset the dais. Council recessed at 9:03 a.m.

Chairman Poston reconvened the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

CHAIRMAN POSTON:

Chairman Poston stated, "I would like to thank you for the honor of Chairing this Council. In 2015 I promised to keep the County in the same direction it was going in the previous two years and that's what we done. We promised the citizens of this County that we would complete all the capital projects that was voted on by the citizens and it's this Council's job to see them through. I have in front of me this list of just many, many different projects; I'm not going to bore you with them. You can go online and see them, all this County is working on at this time, but just to name a few: extension of Greenwood manned convenience center, opening new Lake City manned convenience center, six acre lake excavation in Lake City, bonds issued for construction of \$40 million new judicial center, expansion of Johnsonville library parking, two fire stations – Kingsburg, Cartersville, Pamplico water tank complete. A lot of these things, I think we have 700 – over 700 when we started and we have now started over half of them and completed many. So, my hats off to the Council. My hat is really off to Mr. Smith and his staff, Connie, department heads, Mike, I can't remember them all. I don't know how you did what you did. You got to remember, these folks, the department heads, Rusty and Connie, staff, they have regular jobs running this County, taking care of the citizens in this County. These capital projects is just on top of that, so they working double time.

Then on top of all this, we get a record rainfall. Twenty inches of water that devastated this County. Flooding from Florence to Prospect, many State roads washed away, many or all County roads (which we have over 600 miles of them) were flooded or washed away. I don't know how they did it, but we thank you Mr. Smith and your staff. Carlie Gregg, he did an outstanding job. I don't know how you did it. You never cease to amaze me at public works; you and Jerry Allen, my hats off to you. Again, to this Council, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to Chair this Council and we will continue to complete all the capital projects that's possible this year.

It will be a pleasure to serve with Vice Chairman Caudle. He's got some big shoes to fill and as Councilman Schofield has elected to move down to my right, I'm expecting great things from Mr. Caudle as he has a lot to offer. He has a lot to offer, he is a big asset to this Council. I just hope Mr. Schofield did not choose to move to get out of work. He has helped me tremendously this past year and I'm just letting him know now that it's not mine or his fault he's smart as he is and such a visionary because we will be leaning on him just as hard or harder than we did last year.

This entire Council, each and every one, has a lot to offer. Over the last five years I've gotten to know them personally and they all bring something to the table. I'm just privileged to work with them and it is a pleasure to serve with this group of people. I've told the press many times how privileged I felt to be a part of it. (They never published that.) But it is, it is a privilege to work with these guys. And, also, the staff, the department heads; it's just a wonderful group working for this County. I heard a preacher say once that ... *prayer in the pews puts power in the pulpit*. I'm not saying this is a pulpit, but I am saying that the prayers and support of each one of these Council members sure makes the job easy. I want to thank each of you for doing so and I can see Florence County – now it's a wonderful place to live – and I can only see it getting better.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The December 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk published the titles and the Chairman opened Public Hearing on the following items:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2015/16

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina (The “County”) And Carbon Conversions, Inc. (The “Company”); And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2015/16

An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution And Delivery Of A First Amendment To The Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina (The “County”) And A Company Identified For The Time Being As Project Mirror, To Provide For Certain Special Source Credits In Connection With Additional Investment In Certain Manufacturing And Related Facilities In The County; And (2) Other Matters Relating Thereto.

At The Request Of The Attorney For Project Mirror, Public Hearing For Ordinance No. 24-2015/16 Was Deferred.

APPEARANCES:

USCHI JEFFCOAT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – FLORENCE REGIONAL ARTS ALLIANCE

Ms. Jeffcoat Appeared Before Council To Speak On Behalf Of The Florence Regional Arts Alliance, Expressing Gratitude For Continued County Support And The Growth Of The County’s Arts. She solicited Council’s help with growing the number of artists that live and work within the County and welcomed suggestions for helping to promote the arts in Florence County.

MEGAN JOHNSON – MIRACLE LEAGUE OF FLORENCE COUNTY

Ms. Johnson Appeared Before Council To Request Financial Support And A Location For The Building Of A Rubberized-Surface Baseball Field and Adjoining Accessible Rubberized-Surface Playground. The group began in the spring of 2014 with 20 participants in a Buddy Ball Game. The following fall, they had 44 participants. The second season in the spring 2015, doubled to 86 players and this past fall grew to over 100 participants. She asked Council to consider a definite location for the Miracle League in Florence County to construct a rubberized-surface athletic complex. She asked for letters of support as the organization seeks grant funding to assist with the construction of the complex. The organization held several fundraisers and had raised \$42,000. Ms. Johnson asked if Council would consider matching the funding that had already been raised. Councilman Caudle stated he attended the games and appreciated what the group was trying to accomplish. In response to a question from Councilman Caudle, Ms. Johnson responded that approximately \$450,000 would build the rubberized-surface ballfield and the adjoining playground, etc. could be built later (total cost was estimated to be \$1 million). Councilman Caudle asked if there was a definite location that was being considered by the organization. Parks & Recreation Department Director Ronnie Pridgen responded that Greenwood Athletic Complex had the available acreage and that facility was more centrally located within the County. Chairman Poston encouraged all members of Council to attend the games. Councilman Mumford commended Ms. Johnson for her presentation and stated he would like for the County to follow-up on this item and possibly partner with other organizations to move this project forward. County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. stated that, if so assigned, staff would welcome the opportunity to facilitate to Council’s satisfaction this wonderful endeavor. One thing discussed was that if the State restores full funding of the Local Government Fund, the County would potentially receive funding to allocate to this project. (A copy of the presentation is attached and incorporated by reference.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There Were No Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

The Clerk published *A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For Riley Propps For His Years Of Outstanding Service To The Citizens Of Florence County* in its entirety. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford presented Mr. Propps with the framed Resolution. Mr. Propps expressed his appreciation for the good work Council has done and encouraged the members to continue. He said it was his honor to serve in the United States Army and was appreciative of the recognition bestowed on him by Council for his service as a Court Bailiff.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets, the Chairman closed the public hearings. (The sign-in sheets are attached and incorporated by reference.)

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2015/16 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 16-2015/16: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By James E. And Phyllis P. Andrews Located On W. Palmetto Street, Florence, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00076, Block 01, Parcel 083; Consisting Of Approximately 19.67 Acres From Rural Community District (RU-1) To General Commercial District (B-3); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2015/16 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2015/16: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Danielle Washington Located At 505 Davis Street, Lake City, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00169, Block 31, Parcel 311; Consisting Of Approximately One (1) Acre From Multi-Family Residential District, Limited (R-4) To Rural Community District (RU-1); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2015/16 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 18-2015/16: An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Marion County, Such Industrial And Business Park To Include Property Initially Located In Marion County And Established Pursuant To Sec. 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, To Provide For A Written Agreement With Marion County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2015/16 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2015/16: An Ordinance To Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate The Best And Highest Price For The Sale Of Certain Real Property And/Or Granting Of A Right-Of-Way For Real Property Owned By Florence County To The South Carolina Department Of Transportation As It Relates To The Capital Project Sales Tax I Road Projects; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2015/16 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2015/16: An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding One Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$1,950,000) 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. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Dorriety asked if this Ordinance was in connection with the re-amortization of the courthouse to reduce the interest rate. Chairman Poston stated that was correct.

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2014/15 – SECOND READING DEFERRED

Chairman Poston stated that second reading of Ordinance No. 38-2014/15 would be deferred: 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2015/16 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2015/16: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By John P. And Betty M. Gause, Harvey L. And Stephanie Frierson Located On Alligator Road, Florence, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 00126, Block 01, Parcels 085 & 086; Consisting Of Approximately 3.40 Acres From Single Family Residential District (R-3) To General Commercial District (B-3); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2015/16 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2015/16: An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, CHAPTER 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE II. – ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY Section 30-29. – Table II: Schedule Of Permitted And Conditional Uses And Off-Street Parking Requirements For Business & Rural Districts, Sector 81: Other Services (Except Public Administration); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2015/16 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 23-2015/16: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina (The “County”) And Carbon Conversions, Inc. (The “Company”); And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2015/16 – SECOND READING DEFERRED

Chairman Poston Stated That The Company Requested Deferral Of Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 24-2015/16: An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution And Delivery Of A First Amendment To The Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina (The “County”) And A Company Identified For The Time Being As Project Mirror, To Provide For Certain Special Source Credits In Connection With Additional Investment In Certain Manufacturing And Related Facilities In The County; And (2) Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED

There Were No Ordinances Presented For Introduction.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

CITY-COUNTY MEMORIAL STADIUM COMMISSION

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of Mack Dixon To Serve On The City-County Memorial Stadium Commission, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BOARD

Council Deferred Approval Of The Recommendation Of The Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board Of Directors For Nomination To The Governor The Appointment of Sam J. Fryer, III To Serve On The Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board Of Directors, Seat 6. Mr. Fryer currently serves as a City of Florence representative on the City-County Civic Center Commission and this action would constitute dual office holding. Mr. Fryer would be contacted to determine which Board he prefers to serve on.

CITY-COUNTY CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Carl McFadden To Serve On The City-County Civic Center Commission, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES COMMISSION

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Anthony Howard To Serve On The Developing Communities Commission Representing The Town Of Quinby, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

CPST I & II UPDATE

County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. stated that monthly updates on the CPST I and II were provided to Council, as well as notes from the most recent department heads meeting. Staff continued to proceed with expeditious alacrity on all projects and had completed 175 roads, 87 miles; another 37 for a total of 124 would be completed very shortly. He said he would be remiss if he didn't thank the members of his very small but very efficient and proficient staff, especially Mrs. Suzanne King, whom he worked with a lot on these projects, newest employee Tina Scott does an outstanding job, and Mike Meetze, who has been a wonderful asset to Florence County dealing with the various projects. The 'TEAM' in Florence County was what made it so successful.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Smith stated that Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2016 Through November 30, 2015 For Edification And As An Item For The Record. Fines & Forfeitures and the Jail Per Diem continued to trend below budget. If maintained at the current level, the Magistrates fines would be \$470,000 under budget for current year and the inmate per diem would be \$275,000 under budget. He and staff were monitoring salary savings to potentially offset some of the loss as well as continuing to work on the per diem issue. He, Mr. Yokim and Mr. McEachin were looking at ways to work through the US Marshall's Service to determine any means to improve funding from the Federal level. At some point, as a precautionary method, the County might have to implement a hiring deferral or hiring freeze to ensure the County was operating in a fiscally responsible manner.

SCOPE EXTENSION – JOHN PAUL JONES ROAD REALIGNMENT

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve A Scope Extension For Florence County Forward Component Project #6 Alligator Road Widening – Project No. 004321, John Paul Jones Road Realignment As Presented By SCDOT. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith stated this would include a traffic signal at the newly designed intersection of John Paul Jones Road and the entrance to South Florence High School. He recognized Brian Dix, Rebecca Breland and Mr. C. T. Thorpe with SCDOT and expressed appreciation for the hard work they put into the Florence County Forward Projects. The cost of the project would be approximately \$1.1 million and was part of the SIB funding. SCDOT was already designing and engineering for expansion of the intersection at the Alligator Road area which was anticipated to greatly relieve the traffic congestion in that area.

Councilman Caudle stated this was one of the worst intersections in the County and he applauded SCDOT on the design.

Councilman Dorriety expressed his appreciation for the response SCDOT provided continually through the Florence County Forward projects. DOT had been very receptive to requests, done everything they could to acknowledge requests, and work with the County and its citizens in completing these projects. The John Paul Jones Road intersection was one of the worst and this scope extension was tremendously needed to improve the safety of the traffic in that area.

Councilman Bradley stated that as someone who dealt with the traffic congestion at this particular intersection everyday day, he was grateful for the scope extension and proposed enhancements to that intersection. He asked if there was a projected start date and completion date set yet. Mr. Smith stated work had already begun on the Alligator Road/Howe Springs Rd./Hwy. 52 intersection and was under design. SCDOT was actually waiting on the letter of concurrence that would be sent pending Council's approval of this item at the meeting today, then it would be sent to the SC SIB Board for approval. At that time, the engineering, right of way acquisitions, etc. would start. Estimated completion was approximately three (3) years.

VETERANS AFFAIRS BUILDING – EXECUTE EASEMENT

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator To Execute An Easement To Duke Energy Progress, Inc. In Order To Install Underground Electrical Lines And A Transformer At The New Veterans Affairs Building On National Cemetery Road. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith advised Council that this would be on the back side of the property and that the contractor projected completion of the building would be mid to late February. He commended the City of Florence for assistance with solving the issues with the septic tank. The City agreed to provide the hook-up to the City's sewer system as opposed to utilizing a septic tank for the building.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

MIT-RCF, LLC ASSIGNMENT OF PILOT AGREEMENT TO CARBON CONVERSIONS, INC.

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve Assignment Of The Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Florence County And MIT-RCF, LLC To Carbon Conversions, Inc. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MIT-RCF, LLC ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENT TO CARBON CONVERSIONS, INC.

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Assignment Of The Lease Agreement Between Florence County And MIT-RCF, LLC To Carbon Conversions, Inc. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CLERK OF COURT

PROMOTIONAL PAY INCREASE FOR DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT II

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Authorize A Promotional Pay Increase For A Deputy Clerk Of Court II (Slot #005) In The Clerk Of Court's Department To Be Funded From FY16 Budgeted Funds. (*Request Was Budget Neutral*). Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 20-15/16

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Award Bid No. 20-15/16 For The Construction Of A New EMS Station On Sumter Street For The EMS Department In The Amount Of \$680,000.00 (Primary Bid Amount Of \$667,500 Plus Alternate 1 For \$12,500) To ACE Construction Of Florence, SC To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds And FY16 Emergency Medical Services Budgeted Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AUDIT

Chairman Poston Announced The Presentation Of The Audit For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 Would Be Deferred, Due To A Medical Emergency With A Member Of The Firm Making The Presentation.

GRANTS

ACCEPTANCE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDING

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize Acceptance Of Rural Development Act (RDA) Funding In The Amount Of \$220,000 From Pee Dee Electric Cooperative For Future Qualifying Infrastructure Improvements. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX II ROAD PROJECTS CHANGE ORDER

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve A Change Order To Palmetto Corp. Of Conway For An Additional 5,000 Tons Of Crushed Asphalt For Capital Project Sales Tax II Road Projects In The Amount Of \$169,300. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Council members asked if this meant there was crushed asphalt available again. Mr. Smith responded that it was not, the contractor was able to obtain some through another project. However, Mr. Meetze and staff were diligently searching for crushed asphalt for the County to use on other projects and pursuing every opportunity to obtain any available. District 2 had not received any, which was included in the original cost so this was to be used in District 2 to complete those projects.

DEMOLITION – NEW JUDICIAL CENTER SITE

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve A Change Order To An Existing Contract With BE&K Building Group, LLC In The Amount Of \$182,250 For The Demolition Of The Existing Structures On Irby Street And Coit Street For The Construction Of The New Judicial Center. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from Councilman Dorriety, Mr. Smith stated there were seven (7) compliant bidders, Wofford Demolition and Renovation Specialist, Florence, SC was the successful bidder and would start almost immediately.

REVIEW PANEL APPOINTMENT

Chairman Poston stated that if there were no objections, he would appoint Councilman James Schofield To Serve On The Review Panel For RFQ No. 27-15/16 Engineering Services – Parking Lot Enhancement Study. There were no objections voiced.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 19-15/16

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Award Bid No. 19-15/16, 2015 CPST II Dirt Road Paving Project For District 5 In The Amount Of \$817,995.15 To C. R. Jackson, Inc. Of Florence, SC From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD BID NO. 21-15/16

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid No. 21-15/16, Resurfacing Project Package 4 For District 7 In The Amount Of \$856,712.95 To C. R. Jackson, Inc. Of Florence, SC From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TREASURER

AUTHORIZE SALARY INCREASE – DELINQUENT TAX ANALYST

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize An Increase In Salary For A Delinquent Tax Analyst (Slot #004) In The Treasurer's Office/Delinquent Tax Office To Be Funded From FY16 Budgeted Funds (*Request Is Budget Neutral*). Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AUTHORIZE SALARY INCREASE – TWO (2) POSITIONS

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Authorize An Increase In Salary For An Accountant III/Accounting Manager (Slot #005) In The Treasurer's Office And A Deputy Tax Collector (#002) In The Treasurer's Office/Delinquent Tax Office To Be Funded From FY16 Budgeted Funds (*Request Is Budget Neutral*). Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Smith stated he conferred with Human Resources Director Bonnita Andrews and Finance Director Kevin Yokim to confirm the neutrality of the budget in reference to the personnel requests on the Agenda.

The following two (2) items appeared on the Proposed Additions to the Agenda list:

PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare Eight (8) Vehicles And One (1) Tractor As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion. Councilman Kirby made a motion to Amend The Motion To Remove Units V0821, A 2002 Chevy Tahoe And Vehicle VS363, A 2013 Dodge Charger From The List. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The motion as amended was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

AWARD BID NO. 23-15/16

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid No. 23-15/16 For Resurfacing In District 7 To Palmetto Corp., Conway, South Carolina In The Amount Of \$236,781.00 To Be Funded From Previously Approved District 7 Road System Maintenance Fee And Utility Funding Allocations. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

JEFFERIES CREEK BLVD.

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$100,000 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Remix And Fine Grade Base And 2" Of Surface Type C Asphalt For Jefferies Creek Blvd. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROSCOE ROAD

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$37,200 From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 6" Of MBC Stone For A Portion Of Roscoe Road. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following two (2) items appeared on the Proposed Additions to the Agenda list:

INFRASTRUCTURE

HANNAH-PAMPLICO RECREATION

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$6,450 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist Hannah-Pamplico Recreation With The Acquisition Of A Refurbished John Deere 1200A With Front Blade, Field Scarifier And New Rear Ball Field Drag. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

DISABILITY & SPECIAL NEEDS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$910.00 From Council District 7 Utility Funding Allocation To Pay For Two Loads Of MBC Stone For The Disability And Special Needs Center On National Cemetery Road. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle stated he was fortunate and had previously served on the Disabilities & Special Needs Board for Florence County. Florence County has a really good Disabilities & Special Needs department; they do an excellent job in Florence County and surrounding areas. But, Florence County and surrounding areas were really lacking in treatment facilities for individuals with mental health issues and qualified care providers.

COUNCILMAN WAYMON MUMFORD

Councilman Mumford stated Governor Nikki Haley needed to be commended for providing for full funding of the Local Government Fund (LGF) in the executive budget that she put together to go before the General Assembly. In her executive budget presented on Friday, January 15th, the Governor allocated \$113,117,380 to fully fund the LGF for the State of South Carolina. He asked Council by way of the Chairman and Administrator to compose a letter to be sent to Governor Haley thanking her for taking a bold stand and hope that the General Assembly would do likewise. There were a lot of things that couldn't be done in Florence County due to the lack of funding, but if the LGF were restored to full funding, it would help with the provisions of many projects needed throughout the County, including the Miracle League.

Councilman Kirby asked that letters be presented to the Legislative Delegation asking that they support the recommendation of the Governor.

Councilman Schofield stated that spending bills originate in the House of Representatives and he asked that members of Council and the citizens of Florence County contact the House members to encourage them to support the restoration of the LGF to full funding so that counties in South Carolina can take care of obligations to the public.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:19 A.M.