

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016, 9:00 A.M., COUNTY COMPLEX,
180 N. IRBY STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

Roger M. Poston, Chairman
Kent C. Caudle, Vice Chairman
Mitchell Kirby, Secretary-Chaplain
Waymon Mumford, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
James T. Schofield, 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:

Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Department Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Shawn Brashear, Planning & Building Department
Samuel K. Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Alan Smith, Library Director
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby
Joshua Lloyd, Morning News Staffwriter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 17, 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 Caudle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Poston welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

AMEND AGENDA:

Councilman Dorriety made a Motion Council Amend The Agenda For The February 18, 2016 Regular Meeting Of Council Due To An Exigent Circumstance To Add An Item Under Section XIII. *(the Councilman stated Section VIII but the Administrator clarified later in the meeting for the record that he should have stated Section XIII)* C. – Utility To Alleviate Flooding In The Kelly Farm Subdivision. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Dorriety stated this action was needed due to a situation in the subdivision dictating that trees be removed in order to alleviate the flooding of intersections within the subdivision in an expedient manner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The January 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

No Public Hearings Were Required Or Scheduled.

APPEARANCES:

LOU PALM, CHAIRMAN – FLORENCE COUNTY LONG TERM RECOVERY GROUP

Mr. Palm Appeared Before Council To Present An Update On The Status And Activities Of The Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG). On November 19, 2015 the Florence County Emergency Management Department Director held a meeting of community members, including local and state officials to discuss the long term recovery needed as a result of the recent historic flood event. The group, comprised of government and non-government organizations, the Eastern Carolina Community Foundation, the United Way, the Red Cross, White Chapel Holiness Church in Lake City, had a very good representation from across the County but more assistance was needed. December 28th started a call down process to identify victims that applied to FEMA for assistance. There were 6,800 applications filed in Florence County with the vast majority being denied. He stated that to the best of his knowledge, there were only seven (7) families in Florence County that received the FEMA maximum amount allowed of \$31,000 with other awards being granted of less than \$5,000. There was no housing inventory in Florence County. On Monday, February 15th the LTRG began interviewing individuals to identify those that would qualify for mold remediation and a method to enable them to work toward safe and sanitary housing by the end of December 2016.

Councilman Caudle asked if Mr. Palm had any suggestions for Council. Mr. Palm responded that the LTRG needed local government to assist in garnering the support of local businesses in donating supplies and goods needed to repair damaged homes, such as drywall, 2x4s, etc. any offer of assistance would be appreciated. There were agencies and charitable organizations from other states that were coming in to assist, but those groups would be going home so local assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Councilman Kirby asked the source of funding for the LTRG. Mr. Palm responded that they applied to the One SC Fund and were denied. The One SC Fund wanted specific homes in order to qualify, but no exact reason for denial was provided. Funds were received from two community organizations, one of faith based and one community organization. The current balance was \$6,100. Many people were denied based on the fact that the mold and damage was from the roof, caused by the rain not the floor or foundation, which was what FEMA considered true flood damage. Mr. Palm said it was the mission of the group to meet the unmet disaster related needs of the members of our community. Long term, the FEMA number for unmet needs was \$1.4 million.

Councilman Caudle asked if the State had been contacted with any success for assistance. Mr. Palm responded that the group had good communications with the State and that members of the Governor's Task Force attended their meetings and took back questions/needs to determine assistance available.

Councilman Mumford stated the Baptist Convention of South Carolina had also been very involved in assisting those in need. He suggested Mr. Palm contact the individual that was appointed from that organization to work with local organizations to meet the needs. Reverend Samuel Fulmore, Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dovesville was in charge of disaster relief efforts for that organization. Councilman Mumford requested a written copy of Mr. Palm's presentation to share with Reverend Fulmore.

Chairman Poston expressed appreciation to Mr. Palm for his presentation. He suggested it would be a good idea for the presentation to be provided to all of Council and that this might be a good item for the Committee on Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare to study a little more in-depth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There Were No Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2015/16

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 14-2015/16: A Resolution To Enter Into A Contract To Administer Certain Planning And Building Code Enforcement Services For The City Of Lake City; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2015/16

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 15-2015/16: A Resolution Authorizing The Entering Into A Law Enforcement Assistance Agreement Between The City Of Lake City And The Florence County Sheriff's Office For The Provision Of A Sheriff's Deputy To Exercise The Administrative Duties Of The Police Chief Of The City Of Lake City. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Chairman Poston stated Council had been provided with a copy of a Revised Resolution to delete language in item 3. referencing the exercise of powers, as requested by the SC Criminal Justice Academy. Councilman Caudle made a motion to approve as revised. Councilman Springs seconded the motion. The Resolution as revised was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2015/16 – THIRD 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 third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2015/16 – THIRD 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 third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2015/16 – THIRD 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 Springs made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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. 24-2015/16 – SECOND READING DEFERRED

Chairman Poston Stated That Second Reading Of Ordinance No. 24-2015/16 would be deferred: 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

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2015/16 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title and the Chairman declared Ordinance No. 25-2015/16 Introduced: An Ordinance Developing A Multi-County Industrial Park With Darlington County Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Agreement Governing The Multi-County Industrial Park; Authorizing The Inclusion Of Certain Property Located In Florence County And Darlington County In The Multi-County Industrial Park; And Other Related Matters.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

POLICY COMMISSION ON RECREATION

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Scott Poston To Serve On The Policy Commission On Recreation, Representing Council District 4 With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. stated that Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2016 Through December 31, 2015 For Edification. Staff was continuing to monitor trends and standing watch on cash flow issues and reduction of expenses. Mr. Smith stated that he met with US Marshal Kelvin Washington regarding the Federal Inmates issue in an attempt to rectify that situation and enhance the County's position. Updates for the Capital Project Sales Tax I (CPST I) and the Capital Project Sales Tax II (CPST II), as well as the notes from the most recent meeting of department heads were provided to Council.

Mr. Smith stated there were several items he wanted to make Council cognizant of but no action was required by Council:

1. The first item is a copy of the "Limited Notice to Proceed Basic Agreement – Alligator Road."

SCDOT selected Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, Inc. to provide engineering services necessary for the preparation of preliminary road & bridge plans, right of way plans and final construction plans for Alligator Road; also responsible for right-of-way acquisition. This item would require prompt attention to maintain the schedule. No payments for services would be made until the contract was fully executed and negotiations terminated. Services rendered under the notice were not to exceed \$200K. Brian Dix SCDOT Program Manager forwarded the information and unless Council expressed opposition, Mr. Smith would sign after the meeting and provide to SCDOT to continue to move the project forward. Councilman Caudle asked for clarification if all the funds were provided from the CPST I. Mr. Smith confirmed the funding was to come from CPST I funds.

2. Johnsonville Magistrate Office

Mr. McEachin, Mr. Smith and the Chairman met with the Chief Magistrate to facilitate the reopening of the Johnsonville Magistrate office on Tuesdays. The office was currently open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This action would provide an additional day at no additional cost. The clerk, Luci Coleman, was no longer needed in the Florence Office so she would be shifted back to the Johnsonville office with no additional cost. Judge Langley will continue to work in Florence on Tuesdays until the 'new Magistrate' takes the Oath of Office, at which time staff would seek approval from Council to allow Judge Langley to return to Johnsonville.

3. SC State Housing Finance and Development Authority

Council was provided a copy of a letter to the SC State Housing Finance and Development Authority that noted that the Housing Element of the Florence County Comprehensive Plan supports and encourages the development, construction and operation of quality affordable housing within our community. This letter was being sent at the bequest of Irby Senior Village; a village proposal by JEH Holding. The estimated construction cost of the 40 one and two bedroom homes would be approximately \$4.5 million dollars. The Company would be applying to S.C. State

Housing Finance & Development Authority for tax credits to facilitate the financing of the development. The community features a community center building, computer center, fitness center, a library, laundry facility, and a community kitchen.

4. Fire

On February 12th Council was provided via email a copy of the Unified Fire Department's Disposal Recommendation from the Fire Chief's Advisory Committee concerning surplus property. Council was previously advised that several trucks were stored at the impound area that needed to be dispensed with. There were also other departments who wished to dispose of unneeded units. Many of you responded to the email but unless instructed otherwise, staff would continue to work with Mr. McEachin, Mr. Yokim and Mrs. King to rectify this situation. A copy of the memorandum signed by all members of the Fire Chief's Advisory Committee was provided to Council. In essence, they recommend that any fire apparatus declared surplus currently titled in the name of the fire departments be disposed of by the department and any fire apparatus owned by Florence County be declared surplus and disposed of by County policy. They further recommended that any funds received from the sale of surplus vehicles be placed in the County Fire Fund for future capital purchases. Mr. Smith stated revenue would probably be negligible but would be put in that fund and used for the respective departments' capital purchases needed in the future.

5. Miracle League

At the meeting of January 21, 2016, Megan Johnson of the Miracle League of Florence County requested several items of Council. Staff and Mr. Smith had been meeting to address all opportunities to facilitate the progress of this very worthwhile endeavor. At Council's desk was a portfolio addressing the requests made at the meeting. The 1st item designates the location of the Miracle League of Florence. Staff was recommending that the Greenwood Athletic Park located at 2711 Pamplico Hwy. be designated as the Miracle League of Florence County facility. The site was graded and contains the needed retention pond which would minimize development costs. Mr. Pridgen and his staff were more than willing to properly maintain the facility but this might require some 'tweaking' of the department's O&M budget.

Ms. Johnson also requested a "letter of support" to provide benefactors as they consider the amount of their donation to the 'game changing' project. Page 2 of the portfolio provides such correspondence.

There was also mention of proposed signage to enhance development efforts and included in the portfolio was a draft of suggested signage ('*Future Home of the Miracle League of Florence County*') for consideration.

Ms. Johnson also advised that through various fundraisers they had raised \$42,000. She asked Council to match this seed money. Mr. Smith and Mr. Pridgen realized/qualified several capital improvements that were needed for the field that could be funded through infrastructure and/or utility funds. If Council so desired staff would prepare a fact sheet for the March meeting providing funding for this much needed match.

The League voted & approved to designate the first \$86,580 towards the grading, paving and concrete work for the field. Funding would include Miracle League funds and any approved matching funds from Florence County Council.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Pridgen also discussed the project with several benefactors in hopes of attaining additional funding. Three letters could make this dream a reality ... L G F ... if the State was willing to fully fund it would facilitate finality of this project. Councilman Caudle stated he would respectfully request that the necessary document be prepared for inclusion on the March Agenda.

6. Letter to US Delegation - ITFA

Mr. Smith stated he also had provided a copy of a proposed letter to the United States Delegation. He commended Councilman Mumford, who aptly represents us all over the Country by serving as the State NACo representative. The permanent Internet Tax Freedom Act (ITFA) came up and NACo specifically opposes the Act and requests that counties contact US Senators requesting they impose the permanent ITFA or at a minimum limit the extension. In the United States, it was estimated there were billions of dollars that go uncollected for internet sales, which leaves the 'brick & mortar' businesses paying taxes. Councilman Mumford stated this was an excellent report, excellent point, and that NACo did oppose the Act. He was leaving for a NACo Board meeting on Saturday and would further contact United States Congressmen to address this as well as other issues.

7. EOC Bid

A meeting was held February 17th to discuss the construction of the new EOC. Drawings should be complete within the next two (2) weeks and the project would go out to bid within four (4) weeks. The bids would be on the street for four (4) weeks. Construction was estimated to take one (1) year with an estimated project completion to be in May 2017. The architects believe they can come in under budget. The County already owns the land so things should move forward expeditiously. He stated he was basically an observer at the meeting and that Dusty Owens and his staff were very thorough. Mr. Smith committed to send out a summary of the items involved in the project as the information was prepared.

DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, INC. EASEMENT

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator To Execute An Easement To Duke Energy Progress, Inc. In Order To Relocate Utility Poles As Required For The Capital Project Sales Tax 1 Project – Highway 51 Widening Project. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION/SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

UNDERSERVED VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME GRANT

Mr. Smith stated that this item was presented for Council's elucidation and no action was required by Council. The Solicitor's Office Received An Underserved Victims Of Violent Crime Grant For A Victim Advocate Position For The Period Of January 1, 2016 Through September 30, 2016; The Solicitor Would Employ A Victim Advocate For One-Year And Fund The Additional Costs; No Funding Required By The County And No Action Required By Council. The PAR form clearly states that if funding ended the position was automatically removed from County payroll.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING KITCHEN UPDATES

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve Funding For Improvements To The Kitchen At The Florence County Public Service Building In An Amount Not To Exceed \$3,500 From Contingency Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE

ACCEPTANCE OF FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AUDIT

Mr. Smith asked Finance Director Kevin Yokim to come forward to introduce the Audit Firm for The Presentation Of The Audit For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015. Mr. Yokim stated members of Council were presented with a copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015. He thanked his Accounting Manager Kathy Coker for the work she put into getting the report together. He directed Council's attention to a required publication inside the front cover of the Report.

The Audit this year was prepared by the firm of Elliott Davis Decosimo. Mr. Yokim introduced Ryan Miller, a Senior Manager with the firm, to provide the presentation. Mr. Miller expressed appreciation to Mr. Yokim and his staff as well as the Treasurer's office for working diligently and being responsive to requests for documentation necessary to complete the audit. As a result of the audit procedures, the Firm issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the County's financial statements, which means in their opinion the County's basic financial statements, supplementary information (which includes the combining and individual fund statements, budgetary schedules, and schedule of expenditures of Federal awards) were fairly stated and all material respects. The balances reflected therein appeared reasonable to the Firm. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting that were required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards were discovered, nor were any non-compliance issues discovered that were material to the financial statements. The County yielded a very clean Audit again this year.

New to this Audit was the GASB Statement No. 68 titled Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. This requires all governmental entities who contribute to the State of South Carolina's State Retirement System to recognize their proportional share of the net pension liability, which was required to be effective retroactively so the Firm had to go back and re-state the beginning net position as of July 1, 2014, resulting in a decrease of net position of approximately \$49.1 million. This was a large number because it had been accumulating over time but the Firm was working on truing it up to make it more current/accurate going forward. The current year affect was that the net pension liability for Fiscal Year June 30, 2015 reported was \$49.6 million. GASB opinion on this was that the change would more clearly depict the government's financial position but that it would not alter the economic reality. Bond ratings would not be impacted by this reporting. Although this created a \$200.8 million deficit for unrestricted net position, the County still reported an overall positive total net position of approximately \$32.8 million. This standard had no impact on fund balance.

In response to a question from Councilman Kirby, Mr. Yokim responded that the County's bond rating had not changed and that the county was still one of the top ten counties in the State as far as bond rating. In response to a question from Councilman Caudle, Mr. Miller confirmed that the County contributed as it was supposed to, but the State earnings or projected earnings were just not keeping up. Councilman Mumford commended the Finance Director and his staff.

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Accept The Audit For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015 As Presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Poston commended Mr. Yokim and his staff.

FINANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 24-15/16

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Award Bid No. 24-15/16 For Builder's Risk Insurance For The New Judicial Center To Cormell-Streett & Patterson Insurance Services Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$35,275.00 From The Judicial Capital Project Fund. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith stated that staff always strove to minimize expenses and award bids to local business, but the budgeted amount for the builder's risk insurance allowance, the County probably saved \$127,000 with this bid.

PROCUREMENT

CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize ICA Engineering From The Engineering On-Call List To Provide Construction Engineering And Inspection Services (CEI) For Ben Gause And Silver Leaf Roads In The Amount Of \$50,000 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare Two (2) Vehicles, Two (2) Trucks And One (1) Dump Truck As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REVIEW PANEL APPOINTMENT

Chairman Poston stated that if there were no objections, he would appoint Councilman Kent Caudle To Serve On The Review Panel For The Civic Center Expansion (RFQ No. 28-15/16). There were no objections voiced.

PROCUREMENT/ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT APPROVAL

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize Additional Services To Davis And Floyd Program Manager Contract For The Necessary Construction Engineering And Inspection Services (CEI) For Resurfacing Projects In Districts 7, 8 And 9 Previously Approved By Council, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$80,000 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SHERIFF

GRANT APPLICATION – DUI ENFORCEMENT

Chairman Poston stated that, if Council had no objection, this item would be referred to the Committee on Justice and Public Safety: Approve The Submission Of A SC Department of Public Safety Grant Application For Funding In The Amount Of \$453,721 Under The Fiscal Year 2017 Office of Highway Safety And Justice Programs To Provide For The Personnel & Equipment Costs Of Four Additional DUI Enforcement Deputies For The Florence County Sheriff's Office. No objections were voiced.

GRANT APPLICATION – TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

Chairman Poston stated that, if Council had no objection, this item would also be referred to the Committee on Justice and Public Safety: Approve The Submission Of A SC Department of Public Safety Grant Application For Funding In The Amount Of \$453,721 Under The Fiscal Year 2017 Office of Highway Safety And Justice Programs To Provide For The Personnel & Equipment Costs Of Four Additional Traffic Safety Enforcement Deputies For The Florence County Sheriff's Office. No objections were voiced.

INCREASE IN SALARY FOR UCR MANAGER

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize An Increase In Salary For A UCR Manager (Slot #128) In The Sheriff's Office To Be Funded From FY16 Budgeted Funds. (*Request Was Budget Neutral.*) Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following item appeared on the Proposed Additions to the Agenda list:

ADMINISTRATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD RFQ NO. 27-15/16

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Award Of RFQ No. 27-15/16 For Professional Engineering Services-Parking Lot Rehabilitation And Enhancement Task Study To Aligned Engineering Of Florence, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate A Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

RESURRECTION RESCUE MISSION

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Declare V0821, A 2002 Chevy Tahoe (VIN #GNEC13Z52J339645) As Surplus; Authorize The Sale Of The Vehicle To The Resurrection Rescue Mission In The Amount Of \$3,500; And, Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Up To \$3,500 From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist With The Purchase. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Declare VS363, A 2013 Dodge Charger (VIN #2C3CDXAT7DH608042) As Surplus; Authorize The Sale Of The Vehicle To The Town Of Timmons ville In The Amount Of \$10,000; And, Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Up To \$10,000 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist With The Purchase. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

BAG PIPE CIRCLE

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$38,430 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 6" Reclamation/Cement And 1 ½" Surface Type C On Bag Pipe Circle. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FOX HILL ROAD

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,750 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 6" Of MBC Stone For Fox Hill Road. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WILMER ROAD

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$17,640 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 6" Of MBC Stone On A Portion (720') Of Wilmer Road. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following item appeared on the Proposed Additions to the Agenda list:

INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY

HOWE SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$7,650 From Council Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 And 8 Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (\$1,275 From Each District) To Assist The Howe Springs Fire District With Emergency Replacement Of The Pager Repeater. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following item was added due to exigent circumstance:

UTILITY

KELLY FARMS SUBDIVISION

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,250 From Council District 9 Utility Funding Allocation To Pay For The Removal Of Five (5) Trees From The Ditch In Kelly Farm Subdivision. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCILMAN KENT CAUDLE

Councilman Caudle asked that, if there were no objection, Council send a letter to Governor Nikki Haley personally requesting her to reconsider assistance to farmers and to the long term recovery Mr. Palm talked about earlier in the meeting. Councilman Dorriety stated that was a great idea and he had considered requesting that Council provide a Resolution with the request. He stated agriculture was possibly the backbone for a lot of the rural communities in the County. The City of Florence was not greatly impacted but smaller more rural towns were affected greatly by the plight of the farmer. He stated he would also like for other counties to join with Florence County on this issue. Councilman Caudle stated that in his experience if farming was down and home building was down, the economy was bad. Councilman Dorriety stated that for enlightenment, the comment the Governor made was that farmers had the opportunity to purchase insurance. The problem with insurance was that it only covered about 75% of the actual loss. He knew farmers that lost in excess of half a million dollars. Chairman Poston asked Mr. Smith to prepare the correspondence.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:59 A.M.