

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 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
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Samuel K. Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Randy Godbold, VA Officer
Alan Smith, Library Director
Joshua Lloyd, Morning News Staffwriter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the May 18, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2015/16

An Ordinance To Amend Sections Of Florence County Code Chapter 13, Garbage And Trash Article I. In General, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2015/16

An Ordinance To Establish The Florence County Commission On Litter Prevention; To Provide For The Composition And Appointment Of The Commission; To Establish The Effective Date For Such Appointments; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2015/16

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County And Project Launch [Charles Ingram Lumber Co., Inc.], Whereby Florence County Will Enter Into A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Arrangement With Project Launch [Charles Ingram Lumber Co., Inc.], And Providing For Payment By Project Launch [Charles Ingram Lumber Co., Inc.] Of Certain Fees-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2015/16

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County And Project Dogwood [Willow Creek Lumber Company, LLC], Whereby Florence County Will Enter Into A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Arrangement With Project Dogwood [Willow Creek Lumber Company, LLC], And Providing For Payment By Project Dogwood [Willow Creek Lumber Company, LLC] Of Certain Fees-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2016/17

An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 And Ending June 30, 2017; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

BILLY FOWLER

Mr. Fowler Appeared Before Council To Request that Council Allow Citizens To Speak About Their Concerns On A County Issue. He requested Council establish a time at the beginning of the Agenda to allow citizens to speak on issues of importance to them before items were voted on in the meeting. Chairman Poston thanked Mr. Fowler and stated that his presentation would be received as information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There Were No Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

No Resolutions Were Presented For Council Consideration.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There Was One Signature On The Sign-In Sheets To Speak In Regard To Ordinances No. 29 and 30-2015/16 - Billy Fowler.

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

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2015/16 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 27-2015/16: An Ordinance To Amend The Text Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element To Include Zoning District RU-1A (Rural Community District) In Sections: Single And Multi-Family Residential, Commercial, Sales And Service, Future Land Use Designations And Objectives And Appendix F: Zoning Districts Interpretations; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2015/16 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 28-2015/16: An Ordinance Amending Florence County Code, Chapter 28, Public Utilities, Article 1, Section 28-4 In Order To Diminish Water/Sewer System Service Area Previously Granted To The City of Florence, And Section 28-5 To Grant The Town of Pamplico Additional Water And Sewer Service Area; And Other Matters Related 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2015/16 – SECOND READING DEFERRED

Chairman Poston stated Second Reading of Ordinance No. 26-2015/16 would be deferred (requested by the developer): An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Chandler Investment Properties, Inc. Located On W. Palmetto Street, Florence, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00076, Block 01, Parcel 083; Consisting Of Approximately 18.25 Acres From General Commercial District (B-3) To Planned Development District (PD); And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 29-2015/16: An Ordinance To Amend Sections Of Florence County Code Chapter 13, Garbage And Trash Article I. In General, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 30-2015/16: An Ordinance To Establish The Florence County Commission On Litter Prevention; To Provide For The Composition And Appointment Of The Commission; To Establish The Effective Date For Such Appointments; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion. Councilman DeBerry made a motion to Amend Ordinance No. 30-2015/16 To Change The Name Of The Commission To The Florence County Commission On Litter Prevention & Beautification. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Second reading of the Ordinance as amended was approved unanimously.

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ORDINANCE NO. 33-2015/16 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 33-2015/16 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 21, NUISANCES, Section 21-4, Voluntary Abatement (c) And (d); And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment of Dr. Sharon Askins To Serve On The Library Board of Trustees, Representing Council District 1 With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PEE DEE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Recommendation Of The Pee Dee Workforce Development Board For The Re-Appointment Of Joyce Hill (Private Sector), Ron Reynolds (Labor Sector) And The Appointment Of Lauren Holland (Requested By Dr. Ben Dillard, President, Florence-Darlington Technical College To Replace Max Welch As The Education & Training Representative), With Appropriate Expiration Terms. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. stated that Council was provided with the updates on the Capital Project Sales Tax I (CPST I) and Capital Project Sales Tax II (CPST II), as well as notes from the monthly department heads meeting.

As was evidenced by the emails previously forwarded from Mr. Herbie Christmas – Environmental Services Officer, the County was continuing its war on litter and it appeared the tide had turned and the County was now winning the battle. Approximately 30 – 40,000 pounds of trash had been picked up. Ordinances No. 29 and 30-2015/16 were continuations of the County's efforts to facilitate the efficient and effective monitoring/enforcement of the litter laws in Florence County. One of the things mentioned in Ordinance No. 29 was to effect change to solidify the fact that commercial use was prohibited and the manned convenience centers were for use by Florence County residents only. Also, a few 'housekeeping' matters were also incorporated into the Ordinance to strengthen the law. One was allowing the Magistrate's Office to issue a bench warrant if a defendant does not show up for court and was found guilty. Ordinance No. 30 was an effort to seek citizen input and to broaden the scope and vision. Efforts thus far had been very successful.

Staff, in concert with Davis & Floyd, continued to expeditiously move forward on the CPST II projects; 247 roads were completed and 14 additional roads were under contract. Ed James Road, Pygate Road, Willow Pointe Road, Arthur Road and Jeffries Creek Boulevard were recently completed and clean up was continuing.

In Section XII of CPST II, most of the roads had been completed; Country Lane, Cherry Johnson, Ball Park, McLaurin, Laurel, R Bar M Ranch, Joan, and Hughes Circle were complete. Cato Road clearing was complete and piping replacement was 95% complete; soil stabilization was scheduled to begin on Cato Road. On Moulds Road and Law Road, the clearing was complete and the contractor was to begin Moulds Road after completing Cato Road.

The municipalities continued to move forward with their projects and had under construction or about to be advertised for construction, many, many projects;

- Johnsonville/Vox water line was under construction,
- Coward/Salem had been advertised,
- the new tank in Coward would be June/July advertisement,
- Olanta/Central Road July advertisement,
- Olanta/Butler Scurry Road June/July advertisement,
- Olanta water line June/July advertisement,
- Pamplico/Francis Marion Road June/July advertisement,
- Lake City pump station had been advertised,
- The Florence/Malloy Street was under construction,
- Florence/Dargan Street was under construction.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Smith stated that Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2016 Through March 31, 2016 For Council's edification.

CONVEYANCE OF INGRESS/EGRESS – LAKE CITY PARK PROJECT

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Conveyance Of A Thirty (30) Foot Ingress/Egress From Sylvan Street To The City Of Lake City In Order To Construct A New Pump Station At The Lake City Park Project Site. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD RFQ NO. 32-15/16

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Award RFQ No. 32-15/16 For Professional Construction Management At Risk Construction Services For The Florence Civic Center Expansion/Renovations To Thompson Turner Construction Of Sumter, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate A Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle asked if there were any qualified Florence County companies that submitted RFQs for the project. Florence County Planning Director Jay Graham responded that there were not.

BUILDING/PROCUREMENT

AWARD RFQ NO. 15/16

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Award RFQ No. 26-15/16 For The Planning Corridor Study And Design Plan – US Highway 76 (East Palmetto Street) To Toole Design Group Of Silver Spring, MD And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate A Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/FACILITIES/PROCUREMENT

NEW EOC & 911 CENTRAL DISPATCH FACILITY

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Award Bid No. 33-15/16, New Emergency Operations Center & 911 Central Dispatch Facility, In The Amount Of \$3,724,513.00 (Primary Bid Amounts Plus Alternates C-1, G-1, G-2 And G-3) To Chancel HRT, Inc. Of Conway, SC To Be Funded From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE

FY2016/17 STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ALLOCATIONS

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The FY2016/2017 State Accommodations Tax Allocation To Be Distributed To The Various Recipients As Recommended By The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

LIBRARY/PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

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

PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare One (1) Vehicle As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Declare Various Office Furniture As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

SARDIS-TIMMONSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$14,242 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For A Concrete Pad At Station 3 Of The Sardis-Timmons ville Fire Department. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TIMMONSVILLE PARK

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,400 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Timmons ville Park With The Purchase Of An Ice Maker. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

COOK ROAD

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$57,000 From Council District 1 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 6" MBC Stone For Cook Road. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

JOHN PAXTON LANE

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$45,000 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 6" Reclamation/Cement And 2" Re-Paving Type C Asphalt On 400' Of John Paxton Lane And Clean And Seal Coat A 250' Section Of John Paxton Lane. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

VETERANS AFFAIRS BUILDING

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$671.11 From Council District 8 Utility Funding Allocation For Material Used To Install The Flag Pole At The New Veterans Affairs Building. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY

VETERANS AFFAIRS BUILDING

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$10,400 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$1,156 Each District Or As Listed On The Approving Documentation) To Pave Section Of Drive Between Front And Side Parking Lots At The New Veterans Affairs Building On National Cemetery Road. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Councilman Caudle stated that the project was underestimated and asked if Road System Maintenance Fee (RSMF) funding could be used for this item, since most Council members had depleted the infrastructure and utility funding allocations. After some discussion the County Attorney stated that since it was not paving a public roadway, but a parking lot entryway, that it would not qualify for RSMF funding. The motion was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE

LAKE CITY COMMUNITY PARK

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,800.00 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Install 2 Lines Of 24" Drainage Pipe To Relieve High Water Conditions At Lake City Community Park Owned By Florence County. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:34 A.M.