REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 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
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Bill Griffenberg, CIO
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Jamie Floyd, Tax Assessor’s Office
Dale Rauch, Facilities Management
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 July 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 and asked for a moment of silence in memory and honor of former County Councilman Russell W. Culberson. 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 Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The June 16, 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. 36-2015/16
An Ordinance Authorizing The Award, Execution, And Delivery Of A Lease Purchase Agreement By Florence County, South Carolina In A Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding $500,000, Relating To Lighting For The Johnsonville Athletic Complex; Authorizing The Execution Of Other Necessary Documents And Papers; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2015/16
An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And McCall Farms, Inc. To Provide For The Inclusion Of A Proposed Expansion In The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, The Extension Of The Term Thereof, The Provision Of Enhanced Special Source Revenue Credits Thereunder, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2016/17
A Resolution In Support Of The Issuance By The South Carolina Jobs - Economic Development Authority Of Its Not Exceeding $75,000,000 In Aggregate Principal Amount Of Its Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Presbyterian Communities Of South Carolina) Series 2016 In One Or More Series Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title 41, Chapter 43 Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended.

APPEARANCES:
There Were No Appearances Requested Or Scheduled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
There Were No Reports.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
There being no 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.)
RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2016/17
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 01-2016/17: A Resolution To Amend Section 4 Of Resolution No. 5-2009/10 In Order To Authorize The Inclusion Of One Additional Participant And To Delete One Participant In The South Carolina Procurement Card Program. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2016/17
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 02-2016/17: A Resolution Authorizing Supplemental Coverage Through The Purchase Of A Blanket Fidelity Bond And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Any And All Related Documents. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2016/17
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 03-2016/17: A Resolution Authorizing Approval Of A Memorandum Of Understanding, Mutual Aid Between Beaufort County Detention Center And The Florence County Detention Center And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2015/16 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 33-2015/16: 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. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
The Chairman stated second reading of Ordinance No. 38-2014/15 and Ordinance No. 24-2015/16 would be deferred.

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

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**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 26-2015/16: 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. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 34-2015/16 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 34-2015/16: An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code of Ordinances, CHAPTER 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE IV. – APPEARANCE, BUFFERING, SCREENING, LANDSCAPING, AND OPEN SPACE REGULATIONS, Section 30-121, Bufferyards, Table VI Bufferyard Requirements; ARTICLE VII. – GENERAL AND ANCILLARY REGULATIONS, Section 30-246, Accessory Buildings And Uses, (2) General Requirements, a. Residential Districts And ARTICLE X. – DEFINITIONS, Section 30-311, Definitions.; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
ORDINANCE NO. 35-2015/16 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 35-2015/16: An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 7, BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II. – STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATIONS AND MAINTENANCE, DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY, Section 7-11. – Building Code Administration, To Comply With The International Building Code Adopted; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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ORDINANCE NO. 37-2015/16 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 37-2015/16: An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And McCall Farms, Inc. To Provide For The Inclusion Of A Proposed Expansion In The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, The Extension Of The Term Thereof, The Provision Of Enhanced Special Source Revenue Credits Thereunder, And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The Clerk published the titles of the following Ordinances and the Chairman declared the Ordinances Introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2016/17 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance To Ratify FY16 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2016/17 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By South Carolina Home Mission Located On 114 Steele Avenue, Pamplico, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 60008, Block 01, Parcel 004; Consisting Of Approximately 0.823 Acres From Single-Family Residential District (R-2) To General Commercial District (B-3); And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2016/17 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code Of Ordinances Sections 11-171(b) and 11-171(c) Regarding Uses For The Proceeds Of The Road System Maintenance Fee And Other Matters Related Thereto.
APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Mrs. Joann D. Fortnum To Serve On The Library Board Of Trustees, Representing Council District 9 (Filling A Seat Left Vacant By The Resignation Of Charles Howle) With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MUSEUM BOARD
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Recommendation Of The Board Of Trustees Of The Florence Museum Corporation To Appoint Paula Efird To Serve On The Museum Board, Filling A Vacant Seat Representing The Museum Corporation, With Appropriate Expiration Term. 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 a comprehensive update on the Capital Project Sales Tax I (CPST I) and Capital Project Sales Tax II (CPST II), as well as the most recent report from the very informative monthly department heads meeting.

After much ado, the County extended its global reach by going LIVE with its new ON-LINE employment application system. Prospective job applicants could visit the County’s website at www.florenceco.org to view this new feature and apply for County positions. This proactive measure had already proven to be prudent by streamlining the process for applicants, as well as staff, and also maximized potential in the recruitment of qualified personnel.

Florence County had completed 257 roads in its CPST II Quest. Also had 7 roads under contract and Council was asked to approve 20 more roads at the meeting. In Section XII: 7 of the 9 roads had been completed. Moulds and Law Roads were under construction. Moulds Road required additional improvements and a change order was being executed to Wade Lott for the necessary quantities to complete the project. Even with the $116,000 change order the project came in substantially under the budget of $1.1 million at $381,000, so a total savings realized of $700,000 to $800,000.

Most other projects were proceeding nicely with the municipal projects beginning to pick up steam: projects underway in Johnsonville, Coward, Olanta, Pamplico, Lake City, Florence and Quinby.
The County continued to wage its “Getting Bitter against Litter” campaign. Mr. Smith stated the following factual statistics were amazing: since May 1st the County picked up 1,945 bags of trash, 104 tires, 31,671 pounds of litter, wrote 54 citations, collected $17,221.75 in fines and cleaned 78.1 miles of road. He said this was quite phenomenal and thanked Herbie Christmas and the staff at Environmental Services, Carlie Gregg, SCDNR and the Sheriff’s Department for their helpful collaboration. SCDNR and the Sheriff’s office had also written citations for other type criminal offenses, so this effort was having a far-reaching effect. The Palmer program was working extremely well.

He stated that while he was espousing good news, he also wanted to note that in an effort to maximize savings, the County had reduced waste tire disposal costs by two-thirds. In 2014 the cost for recycle and disposal of tires was $115,000.00. Through cooperation and collaboration the County had consistently reduced that figure in FY16 to $33,000. Thanks to Carlie, Kathy and VIVA Recycling for a job well done.

Also on a positive note, Councilman Kirby had one of his constituents, Mr. Darrell J. McFadden, appear before Council on March 17, 2016 to request the deployment of fire extinguishers in County first response vehicles. Mr. Smith stated that thanks to Mr. Kirby and Council’s directive, staff was able to attain 3 grants totaling $2,500 from the Walmart Foundation, which would be used to install 53 fire extinguishers in Sheriff’s department vehicles and provide the necessary training to the County’s outstanding deputies. There were 106 vehicle fires in Florence County last year and this surely would enhance the County’s ability to limit loss of life and property. He expressed appreciation to Kathy Nephew, Sam Brockington, Billy Dillon and the Sheriff’s Department for collaborating on this worthwhile endeavor.

He stated the County also continued its health initiative through its Heart Savers Program. He commended Kathy again for obtaining a grant from Hopey’s Heart Foundation. Hopey’s, a leader in the fight against sudden cardiac arrest deaths, had provided an award in the form of an AED or Automated External Defibrillator to our Parks & Recreation Department. The AED with cabinet was installed at Greenwood Athletic Park which was home to a multitude of children playing ball. Given the numbers who utilize the park the chance of cardiac arrest was ever present and this unit could restore a normal heart rhythm to a victim to sustain life. He expressed thanks to Ryon, Ronnie, Tony, Kevin, and Kathy for collaborating to provide yet another link in the chain of survival.

Also of note, the South Carolina General Assembly provided additional “recurring” funding to the 12th Judicial Circuit Public Defender’s and Solicitor’s Offices. Mr. Scott Floyd advised that he would be adding 3 full-time public defender positions and Jack Greenan said the Solicitor’s Office would hire 3 new assistant solicitors and one paralegal. This initiative was an exercise in caseload reduction and Florence County accepts no fiduciary responsibility for their employment. No action was required by Council.
Mr. Smith stated some members of Council were in receipt of a request from citizens of District 9 to halt the City of Florence from annexing a portion of property off Meadors Road. Mr. McEachin briefly reviewed the situation and if Council so desired he could prepare a recommendation and response to the City’s annexation attempt. He stated hearing no objection, he would have Mr. McEachin look into the matter further and send an appropriate response.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**
Mr. Smith stated that Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2016 Through May 31, 2016 For Council’s elucidation.

**2016 PROPOSED CALENDAR REVISION**
Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Revised 2016 Calendar Of Meeting Dates And Holidays To Change The Date Of The September 15th Regular Meeting To September 22nd. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**DUKE ENERGY EASEMENT**
Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator To Execute An Easement To Duke Energy Progress, Inc. In Order To Relocate Electrical Lines At The New Judicial Center Site. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**US 76 WIDENING PROJECT – CHANGE IN SCOPE**
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve A Proposed Change In Scope For The US 76 Widening Project Under The Capital Project Sales Tax I For The Addition Of Sidewalks And Mast Arms On US 76 In The Town Of Timmonsville. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

**LOWER FLORENCE COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE BUILDING (LFCPSB)**
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve Funding For Various Improvements To The Lower Florence County Public Service Building In An Amount Not To Exceed $60,750 From Contingency Funds. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATION/PROCUREMENT**

**AWARD BID NO. 39-15/16**
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Award Bid No. 39-15/16, Resurfacing Project Package 5 For Districts 8 And 9 In The Amount Of $506,208.00 To Palmetto Corp. Of Florence, SC From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
FINANCE/FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

RECLASSIFICATION REQUESTS
Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize A Reclassification Of Two Buildings/Grounds Superintendent Positions (Slot Numbers To Be Determined) In The Facilities Management Department From A Buildings and Grounds Superintendent (Grade 14) To An Area Supervisor (Grade 16) And Authorize A Reclassification of Slot #001 In The Facilities Management Department From A Facilities Coordinator (Grade 18) To An Office Manager (Grade 12) To Be Funded From FY17 Budgeted Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

CHANGE ORDER REQUEST
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve A Change Order To C. R. Jackson In The Amount Of $274,027.82 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds For District 7 Road Projects To Comply With South Carolina Department Of Transportation (SCDOT) Encroachment Permit Requirements Regarding The Widening Of The Shoulder Of The Roads In An Effort To Enhance Public Safety. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CONTRACT APPROVAL
Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Authorize Ervin Engineering Co., Inc. From The Engineering On-Call List To Provide Engineering Design And Construction Administration And Inspection Services For The Brookgreen Subdivision And Foxcroft Subdivision Drainage Projects In The Amount Of $95,750 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Declare VS304 A 2011 Dodge Charger As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

CONTRACT APPROVAL
Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve A Contract Renewal With Pee Dee Environmental Services, Inc. For Waste Disposal Services In The Amount Of Sixty Five ($65) Dollars Per Load For DHEC Class II Appendix I Material. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
SOUTH LYNCHES FIRE DEPARTMENT/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 40-15/16
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Award Bid No. 40-15/16 For The New South Lynches Fire Department Training Facility To Ace Construction Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of $819,483.00 To Be Funded From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith added that all five bidders for this item were local bidders.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

PROCUREMENT OF MOTORGRADER
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Use Of The National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Cooperative Purchasing Program To Procure One (1) 2016 Caterpillar Motorgrader From Blanchard Machinery Of Florence, SC Using NJPA Contract No. 032515-CAT In The Total Amount Of $266,625.00 (Including Tax) From The FY2016-2017 Budgeted Funds And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute The Contract. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle asked if there was any projection of the savings realized by utilizing this method. Mr. Smith said he didn’t have an exact amount but he would guess approximately 10 to 15%.

RECREATION/PROCUREMENT

COWARD BALLFIELD LIGHTING
Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize A Sole Source Purchase From Musco Lighting For Ballfield Lighting At The New Coward Ballfields In The Amount Of $98,500 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds In The Amount Of $71,579 And The Balance To Be Funded From Council District Infrastructure/Utility Funding. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

JOHNSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT
Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $5,529.57 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For 18” N12 Plastic Pipe, 18” RCP And Catch Basins For New Johnsonville Fire Department. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

GULF COVE
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $46,000.00 From Council District 9 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 6” Reclamation/Cement And 2” Re-Surface For Gulf Cove. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY
COWARD BALLFIELD LIGHTING
Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $26,921 From Council Districts’ Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations ($4,488 from Council Districts 1 and 5; $2,992 from Council Districts 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8) For Ballfield Lighting At The New Coward Ballfields. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CITY OF FLORENCE UTILITY CONSTRUCTION FUNDING
SAGE ROAD
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $20,990 From The City Of Florence Utility Construction Funding Allocation To Pay For A Water Line Extension On Sage Road In County Council District 4. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 A.M.