

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
ROOM 803, COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY STREET,  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:**

James T. Schofield, Chairman  
Waymon Mumford, Vice Chairman  
Mitchell Kirby, Secretary-Chaplain  
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member  
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member  
Roger M. Poston, Council Member  
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Council Member  
K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., County Administrator  
D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney  
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

**ABSENT:**

Kent C. Caudle, Council Member  
Jason M. Springs, Council Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director  
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director  
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director  
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director  
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks and Recreation Department Director  
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator  
Tony Lewis, Risk Manager  
Sheriff Kenney Boone  
Coroner Keith Von Lutcken  
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby  
Katherine McCain, Sheriff's Office Administrative Manager  
Dominic Owens, Sheriff's Office IT  
David Alford, Registration/Elections Director  
Alan Smith, Library Director  
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter  
Ken Baker, WMBF News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the August 20, 2014 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](http://www.florenceco.org)).

Chairman Schofield called the meeting to order. Secretary/Chaplain Kirby provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Schofield welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The July 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The Clerk published the title and the Chairman opened public hearing for the following:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2013/14**

An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Project Olympus [Roche Carolina Inc.], A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The State Of South Carolina; And The Provision Of A Special Source Revenue Credit Concerning A New Project; Authorizing And Providing With Respect To An Existing Project For The Conversion And Extension Of A Lease Arrangement For Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Payments Between Florence County And Project Olympus [Roche Carolina Inc.] Under Title 4, Chapter 29, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended, To A Fee Agreement Under Title 12, Chapter 44, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended; Authorizing An Amendment To A Fee Agreement Between Florence County And Project Olympus [Roche Carolina Inc.]; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 03-2014/15**

An Ordinance To Re-Establish And Revise Florence County Procurement Policies And Procedures As Chapter 11.5; Delete All Conflicting Sections Of The Code; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

### **APPEARANCES:**

No Appearances Were Requested Or Scheduled.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There Were No Committee Reports.

### **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

#### **RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION**

The Clerk published in its entirety A Resolution Of Recognition For Dorothy George Hines For Her Meritorious Professional Achievement And Commendable Community Service. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Vice Chairman Mumford and Councilman Bradley presented Ms. Hines with a framed Resolution. Ms. Hines expressed her appreciation for the Resolution and the opportunity to give back to the community.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 05-2014/15**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 05-2014/15: A Resolution To Amend Section 4 Of Resolution No. 5-2009/10 In Order To Authorize The Inclusion Of Additional Participants In The South Carolina Procurement Card Program And To Increase One Daily And Monthly Limit. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06-2014/15**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 06-2014/15: A Resolution To Amend The Florence County Personnel Policy Manual (FCPPM) To Include Certification Pay For Central Dispatch Personnel. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 07-2014/15**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 07-2014/15: A Resolution To Approve A Mutual Aid Agreement With Beaufort County Detention Center Requested By The Florence County Sheriff And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

#### **ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2013/14 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 27-2013/14: An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Project Olympus [Roche Carolina Inc.], A Corporation Organized And Existing Under The Laws Of The State Of South Carolina; And The Provision Of A Special Source Revenue Credit Concerning A New Project; Authorizing And Providing With Respect To An Existing Project For The Conversion And Extension Of A Lease Arrangement For Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Payments Between Florence County And Project Olympus [Roche Carolina Inc.] Under Title 4, Chapter 29, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended, To A Fee Agreement Under Title 12, Chapter 44, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended; Authorizing An Amendment To A [2003] Fee Agreement Between Florence County And Project Olympus [Roche Carolina Inc.]; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 30-2013/14 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 30-2013/14: An Ordinance Amending Florence County Code, Chapter 28, Public Utilities, Article 1, Section 28-4 In Order To Transfer Water/Sewer System Service Area Previously Granted To The Town Of Timmons ville To The City Of Florence, And To Grant The City Of Florence Additional Water And Sewer Service Area; And Repeal Florence County Code, Chapter 28, Public Utilities, Article 1, Section 28-6 In Its Entirety. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-2013/14 – SECOND READING DEFERRED**

Chairman Schofield stated second reading of Ordinance No. 21-2013/14 was deferred: An Ordinance To Amend The Boundaries Of The Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire Protection District In Florence County, South Carolina, To Approve The Annual Levy And Collection Of Ad Valorem Taxes For The Operation And Maintenance Thereof, To Approve The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds On Behalf Of The District, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-2013/14 – SECOND READING DEFERRED**

Chairman Schofield stated second reading of Ordinance No. 24-2013/14 was deferred: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Inclusive Of All Unzoned Properties In Council District Five And Six Bounded By Freedom Boulevard, National Cemetery Road, Francis Marion Road, Wickerwood Road, Flowers Road, Pamplico Highway, South Vance Drive, Furches Avenue, And The Westernmost Boundary Of Council District Six That Connects Furches Avenue And Freedom Boulevard, Florence, SC From Unzoned To The Following Zoning Designations Of R-1, R-2, And R-3A, Single-Family Residential District, B-1, Limited Business District, B-2, Convenience Business District And B-3, General Commercial District; Consistent With The Land Use Element And Map Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

**ORDINANCE NO. 02-2014/15 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 02-2014/15: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By City Of Florence And Timmons ville Rescue Squad Located At 401 E. Main Street, Timmons ville, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 70012, Block 20, Parcels 002 & 001; Consisting Of Approximately 2.56 Acres From R-3, Single-Family Residential District To B-4, Central Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 03-2014/15 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 03-2014/15: An Ordinance To Re-Establish And Revise Florence County Procurement Policies And Procedures As Chapter 11.5; Delete All Conflicting Sections Of The Code; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 04-2014/15 – SECOND READING DEFERRED**

The Chairman stated Council was asked to defer second reading of Ordinance No. 04-2014/15: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code Of Ordinances Chapter 27, Public Roads And Ways To Establish Procedures For Road Paving Program; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

## **APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

### **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve The Recommendation Of The Appointment Of Mariel McAllister To Fill The Vacant Seat On The Workforce Investment Board Representing The Private Sector (Replacing Bill Sebnick Who Resigned), With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Mumford stated that prior to Council moving on to Reports to Council he would like to make a motion to suspend the Agenda for Council to Enter Executive Session For Legal Matters pursuant to Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:14 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2014 Through May 31, 2014 As An Item For The Record.

### **ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

At The Request Of Council, County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. Provided A Brief Report Regarding The Status Of The FY2015 Funds Disbursements To The Fire Districts. Contracts had been executed for all fire departments, with the exception of West Florence and South Lynches. In accordance with the contracts, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, checks were processed to each of six fire departments for four (4) months of the FY2015 budget as approved by Council. West Florence did not sign a contract with Florence County and they were paid the property taxes collected during the last half of June and the month of July under the current 8 mil tax level, which was the same amount they would have received if consolidation had not taken place. The attachment included in the Agenda packet also included South Lynches information. No action was required or taken by Council on this matter.

## **ADMINISTRATION/PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD BID NO. 31-13/14**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Award Bid No. 31-13/14 US Highway 76 Water Line Florence To Timmons ville Connection – Phase II To Southern Fiber Construction & Management Co. LLC Of Timmons ville, SC In The Amount Of \$184,962.49 To Be Funded By The South Carolina Department Of Commerce Community Development Block Grant Program. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **LIBRARY**

### **RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve Records Retention Schedule Recommended By The South Carolina Department Of Archives And History To Retain E-Rate Records At Florence County Library For A Period Of Five (5) Years. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PROCUREMENT**

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare Three (3) Heimann Security X-Ray Machines As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **PURCHASE OF CATERPILLAR MOTORGRADERS**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Use Of The National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Cooperative Alliance (NJPA) Cooperative Purchasing Program To Procure Three (3) 2015 Caterpillar Motorgraders Using NJPA Contract No. 060311-CAT From Blanchard Machinery Of Florence, SC In The Total Amount Of \$760,049 (Including Tax) From The FY2014-15 Budgeted Funds And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute The Contract. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion. Councilman Mumford stated he hated to do this, but Council had no other choice at this time because the funds for these much needed Motorgraders were needed for other things. Councilman Mumford made a motion to amend the motion to Approve The Purchase Of One (1) Motorgrader Now And Roll Over Two (2) To A Later Time Because Of A Shortage Of Funds. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion. The Chairman asked for clarification if potentially a ‘later time’ could be within this year. Councilman Mumford stated that was correct. Approval of the motion as amended was approved unanimously.

## **SOUTH LYNCHES FIRE DISTRICT/PROCUREMENT**

### **SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUSES**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize The Purchase Of Eighty-Six (86) MSA G1 4500 PSI Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA) And Other Related Equipment From Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment, Inc. Of Swepsonville, NC Off Of The Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Program For The South Lynchs Fire District In An Amount Not To Exceed \$499,807.15 (Including Sales Tax) As Funded In The Capital Project Sales Tax II. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Poston stated he was voting by Proxy for Councilman Springs and it was a 'Yes' vote in favor of the motion.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **GREENWOOD MANNED CONVENIENCE CENTER (MCC) SITE**

At The Request Of Council, The County Administrator Provided A Brief Update On The Status Of The Greenwood MCC Site. Mr. Smith stated the Agenda Addendum packet included a chronological index of the Greenwood MCC Site. The County acquired additional acreage beside the existing site. Utilized in the design for improving the site was 42,784 square feet. Design options were provided and Councilman Caudle selected design option 2. The engineering cost estimate was \$331,250 not including engineering. Public Works cost estimate was \$405,478, which does include the engineering cost. The additional property was utilized during the most recent ice storm to handle the storm debris. The project would require an engineering firm to design and provide a construction drawing before Florence County could bid the project. Staff would need a direction or path forward as to how Council would like to move forward with the project. Councilman Caudle was unable to attend the meeting but asked that Mr. Smith provide the information. The Chairman stated Council would receive as information and directed that staff try to get it on the next agenda to figure where to go from here.

## **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare A Generac Phase 3 Generator, Serial Number 89A91270-S 364, As Surplus And Authorize Disposal By Public Internet Auction On GovDeals As Requested By The Facilities Management Department. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT/PROCUREMENT**

### **SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize The Award Of A Sole Source Procurement To Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC For Upgrades To The Jail Door Controls At Florence County Detention Center In The Amount Of \$243,120 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds Approved For Florence County Sheriff's Office. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Sheriff Boone stated this was a software upgrade that was needed for the jail controls.

The Sheriff stated “Publicly, I’d just like to tell you, Council, that I appreciate the relationship that we have. You are a tremendous ally for us and the things you’ve done for our employees. I just wanted to publicly tell you for everything that you have done for us, it means a lot. Our employees ... our morale is up. Knowing that you care about them as much as I do and I just want to tell you, too, how much I appreciate y’all helping us. The relationship that I have with y’all and particularly the relationship we have with the Administrator. Things, and you’ve seen us on the agendas a lot over the past year, we’ve got a lot of good things going on at the Sheriff’s Office and thanks to you, particularly the Administrator who has been with us and been a tremendous ally helping us. I just want to publicly tell y’all how much I appreciate it; y’all been good to us. Going around the State, speaking with other Sheriff’s, some of them might not have the relationship we have in Florence County, but I am telling you I am very proud to have and blessed to have the relationship we have with y’all and being able to work good together for everything and it is better for Florence County. It is obvious that we think a lot of this County and we are moving forward.” Chairman Schofield stated he wanted to thank the public for voting for the Capital Project Sales Tax, which afforded the Council the opportunity to make these type improvements.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **UPDATE ON VARIOUS PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

Mr. Smith informed Council of the following items:

- On August 12<sup>th</sup>, staff met with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Project Manager assigned to the Capital Project Sales Tax I projects by SCDOT, Mr. Dix. They developed a comprehensive project update to enlighten Council and allow Council to address constituents’ concerns.
- The On-Site Health Clinic was quickly becoming one of the greatest benefits for the County’s most valuable asset, the employees. There were 127 visits in July alone. The estimate in savings to employees was over \$70,000. The County started a Weight Watchers program and was working on a smoking cessation program and a fitness center.
- He had put together a Committee, involving all emergency personnel to work on an updated, workable, comprehensive emergency evacuation program.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **DELMAE/SAVANNAH GROVE ATHLETIC PARK**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$12,000 From Council Districts’ 4, 5 and 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$4,000 From Each District) To Assist The Delmae/Savannah Grove Baseball League With The Purchase And Installation Of A Storage Building. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.



## **UTILITY**

### **PAVING OF DRIVEWAY APRON – 414 SOUTH BLANDING STREET**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$11,800 From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation For The Paving Of The Driveway Apron At 414 South Blanding Street, Lake City, SC, As Required By The SCDOT Encroachment Permit, To Include 6” MBC Stone Base And 2” Type I Asphalt Surface. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Poston stated he was voting by Proxy for Councilman Springs and the vote was a “Yes” vote on the question of approval of the motion.

### **SOUTH BLANDING STREET - PIPE**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$328.32 From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation To Pay For 2-8’ 24” RCP Pipe To Add 8’ Extension On Both Ends Of Existing Driveway At 414 South Blanding Street, Lake City, SC; SCDOT Requires The Driveway To Be Paved And Requires A Contractor. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Poston stated he was voting by Proxy for Councilman Springs and the vote was a “Yes” vote on the question of approval of the motion.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **CITY OF LAKE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Declare Vehicle #V788, A 2004 Chevrolet Silverado (VIN#GCEG14V35Z203458) As Surplus; Authorize The Sale Of The Vehicle To The City Of Lake City Fire Department In The Amount Of \$3,100; And, Approve The Expenditure Of \$3,100 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For The Purchase. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Poston stated he was voting by Proxy for Councilman Springs and the vote was a “Yes” vote on the question of approval of the motion.

### **ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)**

#### **ARTHUR ROAD**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,750 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For Arthur Road. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

### **COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:52 A.M.**