

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ROOM 803, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY STREET,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Vice-Chairman
H. Morris Anderson, Secretary-Chaplain
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Roger M. Poston, Council Member
Thomas B. Robinson, County Administrator
Fitz Lee McEachin, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Thomas F. Sullivan, Assistant Director, Emergency Management Department
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Joe Eason, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Andrew Stout, Museum Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
Sheriff Kenney Boone
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office
John Sweeney, Morning News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the June 20, 2012 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. Copies of the Meeting Agenda were faxed to members of the media and posted in the lobby of the City-County Complex, the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library and all branch libraries, and on the County's website (www.florenceco.org).

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Anderson provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The May 17, 2012 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk published the titles and Chairman Smith opened Public Hearing for the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2011/12

An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollar (\$925,000) General Obligation Refunding And Improvement Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Johnsonville Rural Fire District), To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bond, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2011/12

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Infrastructure Credit Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Warehouse, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2011/12

An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Williamsburg County, Such Industrial And Business Park To Include Property Initially Located In Florence County And Established Pursuant To Sec. 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, To Provide For A Written Agreement With Williamsburg County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

HENRY M. ANDERSON, JR. – FLORENCE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Mr. Anderson Requested To Appear Before Council To Present A Proposal Concerning New Soccer Fields But Was Unable To Attend The Meeting.

HOLLY BEAUMIER – CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Mrs. Beaumier Appeared Before Council To Present Information On Area Tourism And Discuss Developments Within The Florence Convention And Visitors Bureau. The Florence CVB was approved by the State to be a pilot project for the State Heritage Region.

MR. TYNER

Councilmen Culberson And Rodgers Requested Mr. Tyner Be Allowed To Address Council Regarding The Solid Waste Fee. Mr. Tyner and his wife own apartments on Francis Marion Road and they pay approximately \$2,600 in solid waste fees. The Tyners currently pay American Waste Company to haul solid waste and he was requesting that Council waive the County fee. Chairman Smith stated Council couldn't give him an answer right then, but that Council had set up a Committee to address this and other solid waste issues, and that he would be notified when the Committee scheduled a meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Committee Chairman Smith stated the Committee on Administration & Finance held a Budget Worksession on June 14th; unfortunately, the dilemma by the General Assembly with respect to the level of funding for the Local Government Fund inhibited Council from making a decision on final reading of the Fiscal Year 2013 budget.

PUBLIC SERVICES & COUNTY PLANNING

Committee Chairman Schofield announced that construction had begun on the museum building.

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Mumford informed the group that the Committee on Justice & Public Safety held a productive meeting on May 10, 2012 with Circuit Court Judge Russo, Chief Magistrate Judge Cooper, Sheriff's Department and key County staff, regarding litter issues.

AD HOC CITY-COUNTY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Committee Co-Chair Bradley stated that the Ad Hoc City-County Conference Committee met on June 6, 2012 to discuss matters of importance to the City and the County and help to create policies that mirror each other. Topics included towing policies, animal control, I-95/I-20 interchange beautification and discussion of City/County zoning issues.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

The Clerk published in its entirety a Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition for Lisa Castles, P.A. For Her Admirable Professional Achievement And Commendable Service To Her Patients And Her Community. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Rodgers presented Mrs. Castles with the framed Resolution. Mrs. Castles expressed appreciation to Council. She stated it was an honor for her to be recognized by Council because her grandfather, Bennie McCutcheon, served on Council for 22 years and during his tenure the County helped to establish the Lake City Community Hospital.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2011/12

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 29-2011/12: A Resolution To Approve A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement And Narcotics Enforcement Requested By The Florence County Sheriff And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreements (City Of Columbia). Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2011/12

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 30-2011/12: An Inducement Resolution Providing For A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Florence County And Project Wood. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as revised and presented. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCILMAN BRADLEY

Chairman Smith stated that prior to moving to ‘Ordinances in Position,’ another recognition was also in order. He congratulated Councilman Bradley for being a recipient of the coveted TCTW Gold Improvement Award for the enhancement of mean scores in reading, mathematics and science; one of only four in the country to receive this award.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2011/12 – THIRD READING DEFERRED

The Chairman stated third reading of Ordinance No. 21-2011/12 would be deferred: An Ordinance To Declare As Surplus Real Property Owned By Florence County Located At 124 Epps Street, Lake City, South Carolina And Designated As Tax Map Number 80008-12-008: And To Authorize The Conveyance Thereof To Florence School District Three; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2011/12 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 25-2011/12: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Property Owners As Shown On Attachment “A” Located On East And West Marion Street, North And South Georgetown Highway, Stone Avenue, North And South Hampton Avenue, Training Circle, Stadium Road, Stuckey Street, Columbia Avenue, East, South And West Pine Street, North And South Railroad Avenue, Trailwood Street, Florence Avenue, East Broadway Street, Possum Fork Road, Jasmine Street, Maple Street, Elm Street, Huggins Eaddy Street, Sawmill Road, North Jackson Avenue And North Butler Avenue, Johnsonville As Shown Of Florence County Tax Map No. 00433, Block 05, Parcels 001, 012-014, 049, 064, 093, 101, 103, 111, 116, 123, 179, 180, 223, 224, 229, 259, 287; Florence County Tax Map No. 00440, Block 05, Parcels 025-031, 040, 055, 070-072, 080; Florence County Tax Map No. 50002, Block 02, Parcels 007-009 And Block 03, Parcels 007-010; Florence County Tax Map No. 50003, Block 04, Parcels 001-015, 017-028; Block 05, Parcels 001-004, And Block 06, Parcels 001-004, 006-009; Florence County Tax Map No. 50006, Block 01, Parcels 001-003, 011-015, 019; Block 03, Parcels 004, 005; Block 04, Parcels 001-003, 008-012; Block 05, Parcels 001-008, 010, 011; Block 06, Parcels 001-009; Block 07, Parcels 001-003; Block 08, Parcels 007-009; Block 09, Parcels 004, 005, 010, 011; Block 10, Parcels 005-008, 010; Block 11, Parcels 001, 008, 010-013 And Block 12, Parcels 004, 005, 009, 011; Florence County Tax Map No. 50007, Block 04, Parcels 001-004, 006-009 And Block 06, Parcels 002-005, 007; Consisting Of Approximately 207.04 Acres From R-3, Single-Family Residential District To R-3A, Single-Family Residential District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Poston made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2011/12 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 26-2011/12: An Ordinance To Ratify FY12 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2012/13 – THIRD READING DEFERRED

The Chairman stated Third Reading of Ordinance No. 01-2012/13, the Budget Ordinance, would be deferred: An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2012 And Ending June 30, 2013; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto. He stated he wanted to set up a budget meeting for the following Thursday in the hopes that the County would know the status of funding for the Local Government Fund (LGF) by the General Assembly.

Councilman Schofield made the following comments: “Mr. Chairman, members of Council and the Taxpayers of Florence County, I’m not going to vote to endanger the lives of the citizens of this County because of the reckless behavior of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Really, I woke up last night at 3:00 a.m. and I went online to read what was going on in Columbia and they are talking about a Continuing Resolution, and not even passing a State budget. The State of South Carolina is going to stoop to the level of the Federal Government, really? They were elected to pass a budget, just like we are and the House is considering a Continuing Resolution where we won’t even know what the revenue is and what the spending levels are in this State? I want to read to you a portion of an editorial that was in The State Newspaper Sunday, because this is the way the House is trying to get something done up there. It’s titled: *‘Don’t Revive Bribery-Tainted Procedure. In a low tax State with tremendous unmet needs, we don’t believe the case has been made to justify cutting small businesses’ income taxes. But even if you disagree, you should be worried about the House’s decision to revive a discredited, corruption-tainted method to force through the tax cut and three other stand-alone laws. The vehicle is the once-ubiquitous Part II proviso - the granddaddy of all logrolling apparatuses. It was through these permanent budget provisos that lawmakers opened our borders to the nation’s nuclear and hazardous waste, approved a retroactive, bribery-tainted tax cut and, unbeknownst to all but one of them, legalized video gambling. ... The reason legislators like to attach whole separate bills to popular bills is the same reason it’s such bad policy: It sidesteps the normal legislative process and forces lawmakers to pass laws they otherwise wouldn’t. It’s particularly effective, and therefore unwise, and dangerous, when the vehicle for the stand-alone laws is the budget, because that’s the one bill that lawmakers must pass every year.’* Well maybe not, maybe they’re going to do a Continuing Resolution. By State law this County must pass a balanced budget to take effect July the 1st. Today, for the first time since I have been here in five years, we are going to defer third reading of that Ordinance, because we simply don’t know what the revenue is going to be from the State. Mr. Rodgers, I hope I take something you said up here many times and I do it for the rest of the time I am here. It is time to ‘take the bull by the horns,’ Mr. Rodgers. Mr. Chairman, I would like for our staff to bring next week, for our consideration, a budget that raises taxes by the amount of the shortfall in State

Local Government Funding that is occurring annually now, for the last three years. This millage should be noted on the tax notice as '*Shortfall In State Funding For State Mandates*' and it will have to fluctuate each year depending on what the Legislature does in regards to funding State required services. We can lower this millage if the State comes to its senses before the tax notice goes out, but if we don't put it on now, we can't do anything later. I will vote to lower this millage based on how much revenue they restore to the Local Government Fund, but we cannot continue to kick the can down the road. We have to have a budget; unlike them. This item on the tax notice should be a permanent feature and float with whatever the State is funding us for required services that we cannot even vote on. I may be the one voting for a tax increase, but this Council is not the one causing the increase. We have no shortfall of general government revenue from property taxes and we have no shortfall because of spending. This is solely caused by actions of the Legislature. I have significant property holdings in this County and you can believe I am not advocating this approach lightly or with little thought. This tax increase will hurt very badly to me, especially to a shopping center that I own that has a 50% vacancy rate, because of the bad economy. In Fiscal Year 2008, we received \$7,251,000 in State funding to pay for State required County services. In 2012, we received \$4,432,000, almost a \$3 million reduction in revenue. For three years we have cut spending across the board: 1% the first year, 2% the next year, 3% last year. We have cut employees; we have had employees take demotions in pay grade; we have raided the Reserve Fund; we have cut funding for capital equipment to a point that is not sustainable in order not to raise taxes in such difficult economic times. And that was the right thing to do. The State was in a pinch for revenue and if this County could help out by losing over \$7 million in revenue from the LGF and still not raise taxes, that was okay. During this same time, we have even been required to hire/provide additional magistrates that we don't need, but are required by State law to fund. The public needs to understand, we spend more money on magistrates in Florence County than we do on the Treasurer's Office, the Delinquent Tax Office, and the Solicitor's Office with attorneys in it, combined, and your Council can do nothing about it. We cannot continue on this path. The Reserve Fund is as low as it can be without endangering our credit rating, will cost our tax payers substantially, or have the cash necessary to pay our bills during the months with low tax collections. But now the situation is different; State revenues have improved substantially and the Senate, to its credit and Senator Leatherman's credit, has tried to restore a significant amount of funding to the Local Government Fund for State mandated services. However, the House has decided they do not want to do that or even consider the Continuing Resolution. This is reckless behavior in my opinion and if we do not take action this reduction in revenue by the State will endanger the lives of our citizens. The Magistrate's office is run out of funds to conduct jury trials this budget year. The Probate Court doesn't have the funds it needs. The Clerk of Court is operating in inadequate space for the case load they handle. We have lost 10 paramedics since December in Emergency Medical Services, due to not having a competitive wage. We operate a courthouse that is dangerous to the public and after 40 years of use is seriously in need of replacing. The public needs to understand that 60% of our budget is untouchable by this Council – that's State law. We cannot selectively cut spending in departments that are run by other elected officials. We can only do across the board cuts as you have seen us do for the last three years; and as anyone in business knows, across the board cuts is a

dangerous way to cut spending. Those that can afford are not cut and those that can't are. We cannot continue delaying, hoping the State will do the right thing. Our job is to provide necessary government services; police, fire, EMS. And if, because the State is not funding other required State offices, we cannot continue to gut essential government services. We have half the deputies that Spartanburg County has and the same land area to cover. Some people will point to some of the things that we do to help promote our competitive position in attracting new industry and jobs to our County; however, if these activities are not funded, I guarantee you that with no new industries and jobs like we have been blessed with, even during this severe recession the tax in the County will rise a whole lot more than what is happening today. Some people will point to the infrastructure funds, which are around \$300,000 this year, but if they look closely they will see that last year we funded \$200,000 worth of capital equipment for the Sheriff's department last year because of all of this reduction in State revenue. This Council has been making the hard choice and doing what it can to mitigate this negative effect of the loss of State funding. Our workers have not had a raise in three years. Every other County in the State that I have seen is giving raises this year, including the State of South Carolina is giving raises. Richland County is giving a 4% raise. We are proposing a 2% raise. If we don't stay competitive with wage rates it is going to cost the County taxpayers a lot more money to train and hire new workers to take their place. The cost to train law enforcement and emergency personnel is enormous. Simply we cannot allow good employees to leave and have to pay to train new people all over again. This County has faced significant challenges over the last five years that I have served on this Council and has not raised your taxes. In addition to losing funding [from] the Local Government Fund over the last three years of \$7 million, since 2009 when the assessment rate on vehicles was lowered, which I as a taxpayer favored, this County is currently losing an additional \$2 million in taxes or about 5 mills in property taxes and there has been no tax increase to make up this revenue loss. It has been absorbed by budget cutting and good management practices. All of this reduction in revenue has been handled, not to mention the increase in fuel costs, insurance costs, the reduction in investment revenue, that have been sustained. We simply cannot continue to erode the essential services of this County government because of the actions of the Legislature of this State. Sheriff, I ain't asking you to do it and its time to take the bull by the horns. Members of Council, you have heard me say that the smartest politician in the world is the one that can tout to the taxpayers 'I am lowering your taxes' all the while knowing that he is forcing another, lower ranking politician, to raise your taxes. All of this on top of the threat by some House members who want to de-fund the Local Government Fund entirely. Additionally, there have been bills introduced into the House that would reduce assessment on manufacturing to 6%, which would cost this County an additional loss in tax revenue of 1.8 mills. And another to reduce the assessment on commercial property, which would cost the County additional 3.8 mills. If the people of this County want lower tax bills based on inferior services from our Sheriff, EMS, fire department and other essential County services, they can have it – but I don't believe they do. When you are having a heart attack you will certainly hope that this Council does something to stop the loss of trained paramedics who just might save your life. The cost to replace those 10 paramedics and training is enormous. The people who have to serve on juries in this County know the dangerous and deplorable situations that exist in our court system that

needs to be fixed. Mr. Chairman, I ask that we meet again next week on Thursday, and we consider a budget that will sustain essential services for the taxpayers of the County.”

Chairman Smith thanked Councilman Schofield and reiterated his thanks for Senator McGill, Senator Leatherman, Senator Williams and Senator Land, who have stood up for the Local Government Fund to assist the counties. Councilman Anderson stated he felt it was in the best interest of the citizens of the County to contact the House members and ask why they were choosing not to fund the Local Government Fund fully.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2011/12 – SECOND READING DEFERRED

The Chairman stated second reading of Ordinance No. 27-2011/12 would be deferred: An Ordinance To Zone Property Located On Pisgah Road, Enterprise Drive, Florence Park Drive, Mechanicsville Road, Prosperity Way, Range Way, Success Way And Cecil Road, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00120, Block 01, Parcels 001-003, 022, 025, 034, 039-040, 052, 058-059, 061-063, 065, 073, 075, 077-082, 085-086, 088-090, 092-093; Florence County Tax Map No. 00145, Block 01, Parcels 076-077, 085-089, 093, 095, 100, 103-104; Consisting Of 773.14 Acres To B-6, Industrial District, Consistent With The Land Use Element And Map Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 30-2011/12 – SECOND READING

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ORDINANCE NO. 31-2011/12 – SECOND READING DEFERRED

The Chairman stated second reading of Ordinance No. 31-2011/12 would be deferred: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Wood, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2011/12 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the revised title of Ordinance No. 32-2011/12 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced by title only: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Inclusive Of All Unzoned Properties In Council District Three East Of I-95 To R-3A; Consistent With The Land Use Element And Map Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2011/12 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 33-2011/12 and declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Provide For A Barricade Of Salem Road At Or Near Its Intersection With The Darlington County, South Carolina Boundary Line With Florence County, South Carolina And To Further Provide For The Appropriate Signage And Structure(s) To Be Installed; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

POLICY COMMISSION ON RECREATION

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Darryl Jackson To Serve On The Policy Commission On Recreation, Representing District 5, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

SENIOR CENTER COMMISSION

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Earl Dawkins To Serve On The Senior Center Commission, Representing District 8, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointments Of Karen Keels - Representing District 4 And Charles Howle – representing District 9, To Serve On The Library Board Of Trustees, With Appropriate Expiration Terms.

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Robert Hawkins To Serve On The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, Seat 1, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

BUILDING COMMISSION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF FLORENCE

Council Unanimously Approved The Recommendation To The Governor For The Re-Appointment Of Julian Graham To Serve On The Building Commission Of The City And County Of Florence, Seat 1, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Phillip Dowling To Serve On The Construction Board Of Adjustments And Appeals, Representing District 9, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

MUSEUM BOARD

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Donna Goodman To Serve On The Museum Board, Representing District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of John Calcutt To Serve On The County Board of Health, Representing District 9, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

RFP EVALUATION PANEL RECOMMENDATION

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The RFP Panel's Recommendation And Award The Contract For Independent Auditing Service For Florence County For The Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2012 Through 2016 To Elliott Davis, LLC. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Schofield commented that this contract was a reduction in cost from previous years, so the County was able to save the taxpayers some money.

ADMINISTRATION/GRANTS

ACCEPT SCDOT ALLOCATION

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Accept Allocation From The South Carolina Department Of Transportation (SCDOT) Under The Florence County Transportation Committee (FCTC) C Funds Program, PCN #41636 In The Amount Of \$42,500 For The Resurfacing Of Smith Drive. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE

FY2012/2013 STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ALLOCATIONS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of \$200,000 In State Accommodations Tax Funding Allocations As Recommended By The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee For FY2012/2013. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Declare Seven (7) Vehicles And One (1) Water Truck As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve An Agreement With Yancey Environmental Solutions, LLC For Consulting Services Related To The Lake City Park Project In The Amount Of \$75,000 To Be Funded From Grant Funding For The Project. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RFQ PANEL APPOINTMENT

Chairman Smith Announced That He Would Serve On The Review Panel For RFQ #13-11/12 Landscape Architect Services For The Lake City Park Project.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ACCEPT GRANT AWARD

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Accept Grant Award #1G12012 In The Amount Of \$68,303 From The South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Under The 2012 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program For Operational Costs Associated With The Drug Analysis Lab At The Law Enforcement Center. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ACCEPT GRANT AWARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept A South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) #1GSI09016 In The Amount Of \$75,856 To Be Used For Equipment. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ACCEPT GRANT AWARD

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Accept Grant Award #1G12011 In The Amount Of \$45,000 From The South Carolina Department Of Public Safety 2012 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program To Provide An Upgraded Fingerprint Capturing System For The Florence County Sheriff's Office. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ACCEPT GRANT AWARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept Grant Award #1V10119 In The Amount Of \$4,703 From The South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant Program To Provide Equipment Improvements For The Florence County Sheriff's Office. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

OLANTA RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$2,171 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Olanta Rural Fire Department With Purchasing Class A Foam. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF OLANTA

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,000 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Town Of Olanta With Costs For A New Roof And Painting The Town Hall And Museum. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ELECTRONIC RECORDS INTERFACE

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$24,000 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$2,666.67 From Each District) To Assist The Florence County Sheriff's Office With The Cost For The Interface To Have Electronic Medical Records System/Pharmacy Records Interfaced With The Existing New World Corrections Software. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – VARIABLE MESSAGE DISPLAY/TRAILER

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of A Total Amount Not To Exceed \$20,400 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$2,266.67 From Each District) To Assist The Florence County Sheriff's Office With The Purchase Of An Additional Smart VMS HT Variable Display/Trailer To Be Used To Advise The Public Regarding Road Conditions, Amber Alerts, Etc. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

BALDWIN ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$11,138 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For A Portion Of Baldwin Road. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WYLIE ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$14,850 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For A Portion Of Wylie Road. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AMES BURY POINTE

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$38,808 From Council District 9 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For The Resurfacing Of Ames Bury Pointe (1 ½" Surface Type C). Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

HAMPTON POINTE ENTRANCE

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$39,985 From Council District 9 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For The Resurfacing Of Hampton Pointe Entrance (1 ½" Surface Type C) 6" Full Depth Patch. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

CITY OF LAKE CITY

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$15,000 From Council District 5 Utility Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City With The Installation Of Sewer In Coward, South Carolina. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SOUTH LYNCHES FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,594 From Council District 5 Utility Funding Allocation For The Purchase Of Equipment For The South Lynchess Fire Department, Station 3. (*Piercing Nozzle and Shut-Off Valve, Foam Eductor System and Installation*) Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following two (2) items were additions to the Agenda and were properly posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting:

CITY OF LAKE CITY

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$40,000 From Council District 5 Utility Funding Allocation to Aid The City Of Lake City With The Expansion Of The Water Line On North Matthews Road And Crane Neck Road. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF COWARD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$15,000 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Town Of Coward With The Purchase Of One (1) Police Vehicle. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION COUNCILMAN JOHNNIE D. RODGERS, JR.

Chairman Smith expressed appreciation to the family of Councilman Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr. for attending the meeting and commended Councilman Rodgers for his service on Council. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve a Resolution of Appreciation for Councilman Rodgers. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety and Councilman Culberson presented Councilman Rodgers with the framed Resolution. Councilman Rodgers expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve and for the assistance/support from County Council and staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Enter Executive Session, Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended, For Legal Advice And A Personnel Matter. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 10:08 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

Subsequent to Executive Session Council took the following action:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE PERSONNEL

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Add Position/Grade/Title 010-421-200-123/GR00/PT Position. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:32 A.M.