

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 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  
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member  
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member  
Roger M. Poston, Council Member  
Kent C. Caudle, 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:**

Mitchell Kirby, Secretary-Chaplain  
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  
Chris Averette, Recreation Superintendent  
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator  
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director  
H. Wayne Joye, Auditor  
Coroner Keith Von Lutcken  
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter  
Ken Baker, WMBF News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the July 16, 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. Vice Chairman Mumford provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Schofield welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The June 19, 2014 Regular Meeting and the July 1, 2014 Special Called Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

Chairman Schofield stated public hearing of Ordinance No. 27-2013/14 would be deferred. 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, 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 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; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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

### **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 Timmonsville 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.

## **APPEARANCES:**

### **DEANA H. STRICKLAND**

Mrs. Strickland Appeared Before Council To Discuss The Need For A Miracle League Field In Florence County. Councilman Caudle asked if the group had approached any other County in participating in the cost. Parks and Recreation Director Ronnie Pridgen stated they had not. Florence County was the first entity they approached but the project was in the beginning stages. Councilman Poston stated he attended a 'Buddy' Ball game held in his district and it was a great experience not just for the children but the parents and grandparents as well. He encouraged Council to look at this program. Councilman Caudle asked Mr. Pridgen if he had a field in mind that could be converted to a Miracle League Field. Mr. Pridgen responded that Friendship Park was the one that came to mind. He stated his opinion was that once a field was constructed, he felt other districts would want one as well. Councilman Mumford stated he was very impressed with the presentation and he realized this was much needed in order for the County to provide services to all its citizens and he would like to see the County move forward with getting this program off the ground through the County Recreation Department. Chairman Schofield asked if under the Capital Project Sales Tax II some of the funds for Recreation

were for Friendship Park that could potentially be used for that purpose. Mr. Pridgen responded that it could. Chairman Schofield asked if Friendship Park was large enough to handle this project. Mr. Pridgen responded that he could foresee the program outgrowing Friendship Park eventually. Chairman Schofield asked Mrs. Strickland if she had approached the City of Florence yet. She said she talked with the City Parks and Recreation Department regarding the playground, but was able to get on County Council's Agenda first. She pointed out that not only would this program accommodate individuals with special needs but wounded warriors as well. Councilman Caudle made a motion that staff be directed to proceed with the facts and figures and report back to Council at the next meeting. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Chairman referred this matter to the Committee on Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare for further study and to meet with Mrs. Strickland and appropriate County staff. (A copy of Mrs. Strickland's presentation is attached and incorporated by reference.)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There Were No Committee Reports.

### **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

#### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION**

The Clerk published in its entirety A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For The Honorable Lester P. Branham, South Carolina House of Representatives For His Commendable Service. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Vice Chairman Mumford presented Representative Branham with a framed Resolution. Representative Branham expressed his appreciation for the Resolution and the opportunity to serve the citizens of Florence County.

#### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION**

The Clerk published in its entirety A Resolution Of Appreciation, Recognition And Congratulations For South Carolina Senator Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr. For His Continued Service To The Public, To Publicly Acknowledge His Laudable Achievements And Congratulate Him On His Recent Election As President Pro Tempore Of The South Carolina Senate. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Chairman stated that the Senator was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict.

#### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION**

The Clerk published in its entirety A Resolution Of Appreciation, Recognition And Congratulations For Lieutenant Governor John Yancey McGill For His Sustained Service To The Citizenry, To Publicly Acknowledge His Honorable Achievements And Congratulate Him On His Recent Appointment As Lieutenant Governor Of The State Of South Carolina. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Chairman stated that the Lieutenant Governor was unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 02-2014/15**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 02-2014/15: A Resolution To Approve A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement With The Lake City Police Department Requested By The Florence County Sheriff's Office And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 03-2014/15: A Resolution To Establish Procedures For The Granting Of A 50% Discount On The Household Solid Waste Fee To Those Parcels Containing Six Or More Residential Units, As Approved In Ordinance No. 01-2014/15, The Annual Budget Ordinance For Florence County. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 04-2014/15**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 04-2014/15: A Resolution To Authorize The Addition Of A Grapple Loader/Truck To The County Fleet For Florence County Public Works. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheet, the Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed.

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

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

The Chairman stated third reading of Ordinance No. 27-2013/14 was deferred: 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, 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 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; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 29-2013/14 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 29-2013/14: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Not Exceeding \$75,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount Refunding Hospital Revenue Bonds (McLeod Regional Medical Center Project) Of Florence County, South Carolina, From Time To Time, In One Or More Series, Pursuant To Article 11, Chapter 7, Title 44, Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, To Finance The Costs Of The Refunding Of Certain Outstanding Revenue Bonds Issued By Florence County On Behalf Of McLeod Regional Medical Center Of The Pee Dee, Inc.; The Entering Into Certain Covenants And Agreements And The Execution And Delivery Of Certain Instruments Relating To The Issuance Of The Aforesaid Bonds Including A Loan Agreement Or Loan Agreements Between Florence County And McLeod Regional Medical Center Of The Pee Dee, Inc., An Assignment By Florence County Of Its Rights Thereunder To The Trustee For Such Bonds, And A Trust Indenture Or Trust Indentures Between Florence County And The Trustee For Such Bonds; And Consenting To The Delivery Of Security Instruments Related To Such Bonds; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Mumford 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. 30-2013/14 – SECOND 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 Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2014/15 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 02-2014/15 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: 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.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 03-2014/15 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 03-2014/15 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced by title only: 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.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 04-2014/15 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 04-2014/15 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced by title only: 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.

Chairman Schofield referred Ordinances No. 03 and 04-2014/15 to the Committee on Administration and Finance for further study.

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

#### **CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve The Recommendation For The Re-Appointment Of Grey Raines To Serve On The Florence City-County Civic Center Commission, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council approve The Re-Appointment Of Carlos Dubose To Serve On The Florence City-County Civic Center Commission, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **MEMORIAL STADIUM COMMISSION**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve The Recommendation Of Florence Public School District One For The Re-Appointment Of Gerald D. Holley To Serve On The Florence City-County Memorial Stadium Commission Representing Florence School District 1, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve The Appointments Of Lauren Stanton To Fill The Vacant Seat On The Workforce Investment Board Representing Economic Development, And Les Echols Representing The Greater Florence Chamber Of Commerce (Replacing Richard Harrington Who Expressed His Desire To Not Be Re-Appointed To Serve Another Term), With Appropriate Expiration Terms. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve The Re-Appointment Of David Hobbs To Serve On The Planning Commission, Representing Council District 6, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2014 Through April 30, 2014 As An Item For The Record.

### **FINANCE**

#### **FY2014/15 STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ALLOCATIONS**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council approve The Revised Recommendation From The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee For FY2014/2015 State Accommodations Tax Allocations To Be Distributed To The Various Recipients. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **FINANCE-FACILITY MAINTENANCE/PROCUREMENT**

#### **AWARD BID NO. 29-13/14**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid No. 29-13/14 Asbestos Abatement To Portions Of The Basement And First Floor Of The Florence County Complex To The Low Bidder Environmental Holdings Group Of Morrisville, NC In The Amount Of \$135,000 To Be Funded From The Complex Capital Project. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **LIBRARY/PROCUREMENT**

### **SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve A Sole Source Procurement To Have Control Management, Inc. (CMI) Of Columbia, SC Service And Support The Siemens 103 LON Control System By Adding This Service To The Current CMI HVAC Full Service Automation Renewal Maintenance Contract For The Main And Lake City Libraries For A Five-Year Period At An Additional Cost Of \$17,598 Per Year. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) NO. 32-13/14**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Award RFP No. 32-13/14 For Forestry Timber Management Services For Two (2) Florence County Land Sites To Handley Forestry Services Of Florence, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate A Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **AWARD REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) NO. 28-13/14**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve RFQ No. 28-13/14 For Professional Architectural Services For A New Emergency Operations Center And 911 Call Center Building To Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects Of Columbia, SC In Partnership With Collins And Almers Architecture, Florence, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate A Contract Pending County Attorney Review. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle asked if the local option vendor preference being discussed would have affected this bid. County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. stated that it would not. Mr. Smith stated that the local preference bidder information was included in Ordinance No. 03-2014/15.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **GRAPPLE LOADER/TRUCK**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve The Purchase Of A 2015 Petersen Industries Model DL-3 Grapple Loader Mounted On A 2015 International 7400 SBA Truck From Carolina International Inc., Florence, SC From State Contract In The Amount Of \$167,726.58 And Authorize Funding From Fund 153 – Road Maintenance Fund Balance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith stated that Double A Builders, a Florence County company, would be building the body of the truck.



## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PEE DEE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE PROPOSAL**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Request/Proposal From Pee Dee Electric Cooperative For The Replacement Of Existing Lighting And Installation Of Additional Lighting At The Highway 327 And I-95 Interchange For A Total Increased Monthly Cost To The County Of \$2,420 To Be Paid From Local Accommodations Tax Funds. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle stated Council previously talked about inadequate lighting along the interstate in Florence County. He requested that the County consider possible enhanced lighting at other exits as well. Mr. Smith stated all the exits were lit but the interchanges did not have adequate lighting. Chairman Schofield asked that specifically the I-20 interchanges be looked at for improvement as soon as possible.

### **RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION**

Councilman Caudle made a motion to suspend the agenda for a minute for a special presentation. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle recognized Mrs. Harriet Swink and asked that she and her two sons come forward. The Clerk published in its entirety A Resolution Of Recognition For Mrs. Harriet McCall Swink For Reaching A Significant Milestone In Her Life. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle presented Mrs. Swink with a framed Resolution. Mrs. Swink and her sons, Marion and Henry Swink, expressed appreciation for the Resolution.

## **ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**

### **PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Purchase Of Property Located At 221 West Sumter Street, Florence, Tax Map Number 00122-01-035, In The Amount Of \$36,000 Plus Closing Costs, For The Construction Of An EMS Substation And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute The Appropriate Documents Pending County Attorney Review. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Councilman Caudle made a motion to amend the motion to extend a 90 day option with consideration of an option to renew the option on the property rather than move into a purchase contract. He explained that his reason for the amendment was that the County originally planned to construct the fire station at Schlitz Drive and if it worked out he would like to continue with that location. He stated the proposed option was a viable alternative, but he encouraged the 90 day option with a clause to close within 30 days after the second option expired. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion to amend. The motion to amend was approved with a four (4) to three (3) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Councilmen Bradley, Mumford, Caudle and Dorriety. Voting 'no' were Chairman Schofield, Councilmen Culberson and Poston. The motion as amended was approved unanimously.

## **PROCUREMENT**

### **RFP PANEL MEMBER APPOINTMENT FOR RFP #33-13/14**

Chairman Schofield Appointed Councilman Caudle To Serve On The Review Panel For RFP #33-13/14 Healthcare Benefits Consultant.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **JOHNSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,000 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For Hot Asphalt To Patch The Parking Lot At Johnsonville High School. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **TOWN OF COWARD**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,500 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Town Of Coward With The Purchase And Installation Of Additional Surveillance Cameras In The Town And Near The Schools. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle stated the County assisted the Town of Coward with their original purchase and for the system to be complete, they needed five (5) additional cameras. He went and looked at the system and while watching they witnessed four traffic violations. He agreed to assist with the funding for three (3) additional cameras and the Town was working on funding for the remaining two (2).

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

### **CAPITOLA ROAD**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$10,000 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For Capitola Road. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **S-29 CONNECTOR – CASHUA ROAD AND W. EVANS STREET**

Chairman Schofield stated Council was asked to defer the next item. (Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$47,000 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Milling And 200 Lbs. Surface Type C Hot Laid Asphalt On S-29 Connector Connecting Cashua Road And W. Evans Street.)

### **CLAYTON COURT**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$400 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Hot Asphalt To Be Used For Repairs On Clayton Court. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **UTILITY**

### **CITY OF LAKE CITY**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$12,000 From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation For The Installation Of Wastewater To The Blanding Street Park Located In Lake City. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **CITY OF FLORENCE**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$42,000 From Council Districts 3 And 8 Utility Funding Allocations (\$21,000 From Each District) To Assist The City Of Florence With An Additional 2,500 LF Of 6" Water Line To Serve Future Customers Along Sumter Street. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **HEATHER DRIVE**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$4,620 From Council District 9 Utility Funding Allocation To Pay For MBC Stone To Rock The Cul-De-Sac At The end Of Heather Drive. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **NORTH VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$50,000 From Council Districts 3 And 7 Utility Funding Allocations (\$25,000 From Each District) For The Removal Of Approximately 1400 Linear Feet Of Existing Damaged Sidewalk And Replacement/Relocation Of Sidewalk To Avoid Future Root Interference From Existing Trees Along Vista Street From The New School To Irby Street. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **WEED AND SEED SAFE HAVEN**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$12,753.50 From Council Districts 3 And 7 Utility Funding Allocations (\$6,376.75 From Each District) For The Purchase And Installation Of Partition Panels At The Weed And Seed Safe Haven. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **BUDDY WALLACE FIELD**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$12,600 From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation To Pay For Rock And Crushed Asphalt To Be Put On The Road Going To Buddy Wallace Field In Lake City, SC. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (PDRTA)**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$60,000 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocation (\$10,000 Each From Districts 3, 7 and 8; \$8,000 From District 1; \$5,000 Each From Districts 2, 5, 6, and 9; And \$2,000 From District 4) To Assist The PDRTA With The Replacement Of The Roof On The Main Administration Building. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Mumford stated, “We have some real happy employees. I talked with several members of the Florence County Sheriff’s Office with the raise that they received this past year; they are very excited about it. We’ve done some great things with that office; we’ve done some great things with EMS and, of course, our fire departments. What I’m going to ask this Council to concentrate on this coming year, because there are some disgruntled employees in Florence County, I’ve talked with many of them the last couple of weeks, and I want to single these offices out because we really need to address this issue during this upcoming budget cycle: that would be public works, that being the Treasurer’s Office, that being the Solicitor’s Office, that being the Tax Assessor’s Office, the Veterans Affairs Office, the Administration Office, Magistrate’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office, the Auditor’s Office, Planning Department. All of these offices, we have got to address. They have seen where we spend money, thousands and thousands of dollars, in this project and that project and they don’t quite understand that those funds come from a different pot of money, which you can’t put those funds on salary. But I told the employees that we are definitely going to address this situation in this upcoming budget because, and I knew that this was going to happen when you start piecemealing giving one department a raise and not being able to do it across the board, it creates a distrust among employees in this body. So I wanted to go on record that we are going to address this situation in the upcoming budget year. We have some wonderful employees throughout Florence County that does a tremendous job for all of us; make all of us look real good, and we need to make sure that they are our number one priority in the upcoming budget year.”

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

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:09 A.M.**