

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010, 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
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Department Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
David Alford, Voter Recreation/Elections Director
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

ABSENT:

J. Ken Ard, Council Member

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the April 14, 2010 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. Copies of the 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 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 Kirby made a motion Council approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There Were No Public Hearings Required, Scheduled, Or Held.

APPEARANCES:

There Were No Appearances Requested Prior To The Deadline For Submission Of Items For The Agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE & COUNTY PLANNING

Committee Chairman Schofield reported he met with the architects, engineers and staff with regard to the Voter Registration/Election Office Building. The Building would not be completed in time for the 2010 elections, but progress was being made.

PROCLAMATIONS:

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

The Clerk published the title of the Proclamation: A Proclamation Declaring The Week Of April 11 – 17, 2010 As Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Proclamation as presented. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Councilman Mumford Recognized Ms. Dianne Kirven And Ms. Yvonne Cannon Representing North Vista Elementary School And Stated Earlier In The Week He Presented The School With A Proclamation Recognizing The Week Of April 11 – 17, 2010 As *The Week Of The Young Child*.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2009/10

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 23-2009/10: A Resolution Approving The Financing Of The Cost Of Constructing And Equipping Additional Hospital Facilities And Of Refunding Certain Outstanding Indebtedness Benefitting McLeod Regional Medical Center Of The Pee Dee, Inc. Through The Issuance And Delivery Of Florence County, South Carolina, Hospital Revenue Bonds (McLeod Regional Medical Center Project), In One Or More Series, In An Aggregate Amount Not Exceeding \$215,000,000; Authorizing A Petition To The South Carolina State Budget And Control Board For Its Approval Of Such Undertaking Pursuant To Title 44, Chapter 7, Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended; Approving An Intergovernmental Loan Agreement; Providing For Notice Of Such Approval; Providing For A Public Hearing To Be Held On The Question Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds; Providing For Publication Of Notice Of Such Hearing; And Providing For Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2009/10 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2009/10: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Wellman Plastics Recycling, With Respect To Certain Economic Development Property, Whereby Such Property Will Be Subject To Certain Payments In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2009/10 – THIRD READING DEFERRED

The Chairman stated third reading of Ordinance No. 22-2009/10 was deferred: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And J.P. Morgan Chase, With Respect To Certain Economic Development Property, Whereby Such Property Will Be Subject To Certain Payments In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2009/10 – THIRD READING DEFERRED

The Chairman stated third reading of Ordinance No. 23-2009/10 was deferred: An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Joint County Industrial Park Dated As Of December 1, 1998 Between Florence County, South Carolina And Williamsburg County, South Carolina To Include Additional Properties In The County As Part Of The Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2009/10 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 28-2009/10: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Florence County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds (H.J. Heinz, Monster, And MIT Projects), Series 2010, In The Principal Amount Of \$3,000,000; The Application Of The Proceeds Of Said Bonds To Reimburse The County For Expenditures Previously Made By The County With Respect To Economic Development Projects In The County; 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. 29-2009/10 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the Title of Ordinance No. 29-2009/10: An Ordinance Accepting The Transfer By The City Of Florence To The Florence County Election Commission Of The Authority To Conduct The General Election And Associated Primaries And Runoffs Of The City Of Florence And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For Such Transfer And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2009/10 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the Title of Ordinance No. 30-2009/10: An Ordinance To Zone Property Owned By KAT-ROX LLC, Located At Pamplico Highway And South Flanders Road, Florence County To PD 2010-01, Planned Development District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90147, Block 03, Parcel 66, Consisting Of Approximately 22.08 Acres. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2009/10 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the Title of Ordinance No. 31-2009/10 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Declare As Surplus Real Property Owned By Florence County Located At 404 East Hampton Street, Olanta, South Carolina And Designated As Tax Map Number 04530-03-029; And To Authorize The Conveyance Or Public Sale Thereof, Including A First Right Of Refusal; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2009/10 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the Title of Ordinance No. 32-2009/10 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Not Exceeding \$215,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount 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 Constructing And Equipping An Expansion Of A Hospital Facility Owned And Operated By McLeod Regional Medical Facility Center Of The Pee Dee, Inc., And 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2009/10 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the Title of Ordinance No. 32-2009/10 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Ratify FY10 Budget And Grant Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2009/10 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the Title of Ordinance No. 34-2009/10 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010 And Ending June 30, 2011; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Mr. Larue Kirby (Council District 5) To Serve On The Economic Development Partnership With Appropriate Expiration Term.

WEST FLORENCE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT BOARD

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Jason Smith To Serve On The West Florence Rural Fire District Board, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

FLORENCE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Debbie Kay Matthews (Council District 5) To Serve On The Florence County Board of Health, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2010 Through February 28, 2010 As An Item For The Record.

REINSTATEMENT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Authorize Addendum #2 To The Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) With Turner's Auto Salvage To Provide For Final Removal Of Waste Tires Estimated To Cost \$9,500.00. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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 #39865 In The Amount Of \$349,358 For The Construction And Paving Of Industrial Boulevard In Godley Morris Commerce Park. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GRANT AWARD SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept Grant Award #4-ED-09-004 In The Amount Of \$570,000 As Approved By The South Carolina Department Of Commerce Under The Business Development Section Of The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Approved For The McCall Farms Phase II Expansion Project. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCURE – FIRETRAX SOFTWARE UPGRADE

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Authorize The Procurement Of FireTrax Software Upgrade For The Current Accountability Software Used By The Emergency Management Department From Bridgeway Solutions, The Only Authorized Dealer In South Carolina, In The Amount Of \$19,750.50 Utilizing 2009 Homeland Security Grant Funding. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AUTHORIZATION TO PROCURE – DISPATCH PROTOCOL SOFTWARE

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Authorize The Procurement Of Law Enforcement Dispatch Protocol Software From The Current Vendor, Medical Priorities, Inc., To Interface With Current Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Software Configuration For The Emergency Management Department Utilizing \$55,246.75 In FY10 Budgeted Funds. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

NON-EXCLUSIVE AMBULANCE FRANCHISES

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Award Non-Exclusive Ambulance Franchises To Carolina MedCare, Inc., Carolina MedCare/Midlands, Strand Care, LLC, ParaBasic Ambulance Service, MedSouth Transportation, And Lakeside Medical Response, Inc. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID #18-09/10

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #18-09/10 For A Mobile Mounted Generator For The Emergency Management Department To National Power Corporation, Raleigh, NC In The Amount Of \$27,561.68 To Be Funded From Budgeted FY10 Funds. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RECREATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID #19-09/10

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Award of Bid #19-09/10 – Tour Events To PML Tours, Marlton, NJ For Various Trips To Be Funded By The Participants If The Minimum Participation Numbers Are Met. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD BID #21-09/10

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #21-09/10 For A Tennis Facility At Ebenezer Park To Mimms Construction, Inc., Hartsville, SC In The Amount Of \$41,333 To Be Funded From Fund 315-441-431-000. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

PEE DEE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP TRANSITIONAL SHELTER

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$35,000.00 From Council Districts 3 And 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$17,500 From Each District) For The Pee Dee Community Action Partnership Transitional Shelter For Heating, Air, And Electrical Work At The Child Care Facility. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ANNUAL AIR SHOW

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,500.00 From Council District 6 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For 40 Feet Of 36” Double Wall Solid Pipe For Ditch Under Walkway At The Florence Regional Airport For The Annual Air Show. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AMERICAN LEGION FIELD

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$2,500.00 From Council Districts 6 And 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$1,250 From Each District) For Completing Renovations Of The Umpire’s Facilities At American Legion Field To Meet Coastal Plains League Standards, Pending The Approval Of Matching Funds By The City Of Florence. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilmen Mumford and Culberson recognized Mr. Gerald Holley, Chairman of the Florence City-Council Memorial Stadium Commission and expressed appreciation for the excellent job he does. Mr. Holley expressed appreciation for Council’s support.

CRIME WATCH SIGNS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocation In An Amount Estimated At \$129.24 To Assist The Florence County Sheriff Office With The Purchase Of Neighborhood Crime Watch Signs To Be Placed Throughout The Community. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

W. HAMPTON POINTE DRIVE & AMESBURY POINTE

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$13,901.00 From Council District 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For Reclaiming The Intersection Of W. Hampton Pointe Drive And Amesbury Pointe. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following item was an addition to the agenda:

UTILITY – CITY OF FLORENCE/ROSEMARY AVENUE

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure An Estimated \$2,000.00 From Council District 6 Utility Funding Allocation For Piping To Assist The City Of Florence With The Installation Of A Sewer Line Along A Portion Of Rosemary Avenue. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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, To Discuss The Following: Personnel Matter Regarding The Treasurer Office And An Economic Development Matter. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 9:23 a.m. Council reconvened at 9:33 a.m.

Subsequent to Executive Session, Council took the following actions:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2009/10

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve A Resolution Authorizing An Incentive And Inducement Agreement Between McCall Farms And Florence County, South Carolina. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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ORDINANCE NO. 35-2009/10 INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:34 A.M.