

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2011, 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
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
Malloy McEachin, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin Yokim, Finance Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
Connie Reel-Shearin, Clerk of Court
Sheriff Kenney Boone
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office
Tucker Mitchell, Morning News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the June 15, 2011 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 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the minutes of the May 19, 2011 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011 special called meeting of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2010/11

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Project Oliver, As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates, To Provide For A Fee In Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes Incentive Agreement, To Include The Grant Of Certain Infrastructure Credits As Part Of The Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Arrangement; And Other Related Matters.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2010/11

An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Master Park Agreement Governing The Multi-County Industrial/Business Park By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Williamsburg County, South Carolina, In Order To Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Property Owned By Project Oliver, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2010/11

An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Marion County, Such Industrial/Business Park To Include Property Initially Located In Marion County And Established Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended; To Provide For A Written Agreement With Marion 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:

RECOGNITION/INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Smith introduced Jeff Wood, newly hired Project Manager for Economic Development, Michael L. Carr, Vice President and General Manger of Americas Lead Business Power Solutions with Johnson Controls Battery Group, Inc., and George Pretty, Attorney.

RAY MCBRIDE, DIRECTOR – FLORENCE COUNTY LIBRARY

Mr. McBride Appeared Before Council To Provide A Detailed Presentation Concerning The Lake City Library Project. Chairman Smith stated he also wanted to recognize Dr. Julie Mims, former Chair of the Board for her service. Dr. Mims was stepping down due to being elected to serve on the School Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For Dr. Allie E. Brooks, Jr. In Honor Of His Distinguished Service To The Citizens Of Florence County And His Meritorious Achievements. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety. Councilmen Mumford and Bradley presented the framed Resolution to Dr. Brooks and commended him for his service. Dr. Brooks expressed his appreciation for the recognition.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2010/11: An Ordinance To Amend The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 122 South Georgetown Highway, Johnsonville, SC From Transitional Growth And Preservation To Commercial Growth And Preservation As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 50007, Block 05, Parcel 002 Consisting Of .297 Acres. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2010/11: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Glenn Badger Bazen Located At 122 South Georgetown Hwy., Johnsonville, From B-2, Convenience Business District To B-3, General Commercial District On Florence County Tax Map No. 50007, Block 05, Parcel 002 Consisting Of 0.297 Acres. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2010/11: An Ordinance Authorizing The Lease Of Property Owned By Florence County Designated As Tax Map No. 60006-03-014 To The Town Of Pamplico And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2010/11: An Ordinance To Ratify FY11 Budget And Grant Council Actions Authorized By Council 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. 23-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 23-2010/11: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code Chapter 6 – Animal Care And Control, To Establish Regulations And Penalties Related To Habitually Barking Dogs; To Amend Animal Cruelty Regulations; To Amend Public Animal Adoption Policies; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 24-2010/11: An Ordinance Accepting The Transfer By The Town Of Timmons ville, South Carolina To The Florence County Election Commission Of The Authority To Conduct Municipal General Elections Of The Town Of Timmons ville, South Carolina And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For Such Transfer And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 25-2010/11: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions, Committees And Agencies, Division 2, City-County Civic Center Commission, To Provide For Two Additional Appointees, One By Florence County Council And One By City Of Florence 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on any of the sign-in sheets, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 26-2010/11: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Johnson Controls Battery Group, Inc., As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates, To Provide For A Fee In Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxes Incentive Agreement, To Include The Grant Of Certain Infrastructure Credits As Part Of The Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Arrangement; And Other Related Matters. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2011/12 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 01-2011/12: An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011 And Ending June 30, 2012; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2010/11 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 27-2010/11: An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Master Park Agreement Governing The Multi-County Industrial/Business Park By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Williamsburg County, South Carolina, In Order To Expand The Boundaries Of The Park To Include Certain Property Owned By Project Oliver, And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2010/11 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 28-2010/11: An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Marion County, Such Industrial/Business Park To Include Property Initially Located In Marion County And Established Pursuant To Section 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended; To Provide For A Written Agreement With Marion 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. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2010/11 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 29-2010/11 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 224 E. Carolyn Avenue, Florence SC From Commercial Growth And Preservation To Suburban Development As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90094, Block 01, Parcel 042 Consisting Of .52 Acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2010/11 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 30-2010/11 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Doulaveris Holdings, LLC Located At 224 Carolyn Avenue, Florence County From B-3, General Commercial District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90094, Block 01, Parcel 042 Consisting Of 0.52 Acres.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

There were no appointments.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2011 Through April 30, 2011 As An Item For The Record.

SCDOT MOA

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve SCDOT's Recommendation For The US Army Corps Of Engineers (USAE) To Act As The Lead Federal Agency On The Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Behalf For The Widening Of SC Highway 51 From Claussen Road To US Highway 378. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MEDONE MEDICAL TRANSPORT, LLC

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Award A Non-Exclusive Ambulance Franchise To MedOne Medical Transport, LLC. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE

FY12 ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ALLOCATIONS

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of \$250,000 In State Accommodations Tax Funding Allocations As Recommended By The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee For FY2011/12. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

LIBRARY SYSTEM

H.M. AND PEARL KYLE FOUNDATION, INC. GRANT

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Accept A Grant From The H.M. And Pearl Kyle Foundation, Inc. In The Amount Of \$2,200 For Children Services Programs Throughout The Florence County Library System. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID #21-10/11

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #21-10/11 For Renovation At The Drs. Bruce And Lee Foundation Library To Caraway Construction, Sumter, SC In The Amount Of \$17,400 To Be Funded From Previously Approved Funds. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RFP PANEL APPOINTMENT

Chairman Smith appointed Councilman Schofield To Serve On The Procurement Design And Recommendation Panel For The Construction Of The New Museum.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

CITY OF LAKE CITY/LAKE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of An Amount Not To Exceed \$16,000 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City With Providing New Insulation And New HVAC System For The Lake City Chamber Of Commerce Housed In The Historical Lake City Train Depot. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CITY OF LAKE CITY/LAKE CITY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,000 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City With Two Projects At The Lake City Municipal Airport: Repainting And Striping Of The Airport Runway And Removal Of Obstructions In The Glide Slope Approach To The Airport. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

OLANTA/GLENDALE ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$10,000 From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City With The Extension Of Water To The Olanta/Glendale Road Area On Highway 341. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF SCRANTON

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$21,000 From Council Districts 1, 2 And 5 Utility Funding Allocations (\$7,000 From Each District) To Assist The Town of Scranton With The Extension Of Water To Ramsey, Yarborough And Butternut Roads. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following items were additions to the Agenda:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2010/11

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve A Resolution Approving Multi-Jurisdictional Agreements Requested By The Florence County Sheriff And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreements. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

SHERIFF'S OFFICE/GRANTS

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept SC Department Of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Grant #1G11023 In The Amount Of \$55,401 To Provide Staff For The Drug Analysis Laboratory At The Law Enforcement Center For The Second Grant Year (*Annualized Staff Costs After Grant Periods Estimated At \$80,750*). Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

LIBRARY SYSTEM/GRANTS

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept A \$50,000 Grant Award From The Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation To Purchase Library Materials For Use By The Branches In The Florence County Library System. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Accept A \$1,000 Grant Award From Waste Management Towards Expenditures For Recreation Events Held In The County. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE/GRANT SUBMISSION

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Submission Of A Grant Application For The FY2011 USDOJ Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) Program Local Solicitation In The Amount Of \$44,023 To Provide Capital/Replacement Equipment For The Florence County Sheriff Office. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SCDOT 'C' FUNDS PROGRAM

Councilman Kirby 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 #40767 In The Amount Of \$18,056 For The Extension Of S-21-1371/Foxworth Street In Front Of The Timmonsville Rescue Squad. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL/SHERIFF

Councilman Rodgers Made A Motion Council Authorize The Retention In The FY12 Budget Of The Following Sheriff's Office Unfunded Personnel Slots:

010-421-110-063 (Deputy Sheriff I)
010-421-110-066 (Deputy Sheriff I)
010-421-110-113 (Deputy Sheriff I)
010-421-200-053 (Correctional Officer)

And To Authorize The Following Sheriff's Office Personnel Slots Currently Scheduled For Downgrade In The FY12 Budget To Be Retained At Their Current Grade:

010-421-110-029 (Investigator to Deputy Sheriff I)

010-421-110-091 (Investigator to Deputy Sheriff I)

010-421-110-109 (Deputy Sheriff II/CEU to Deputy Sheriff I)

With All Said Retentions Being Contingent On The Sheriff's Office Keeping FY12 Expenditures Within The FY12 Departmental Appropriations. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:29 A.M.