

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 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:

Kevin Yokim, Finance Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
Jonathan B. Graham, Planning Director
Robert Franks, IT Director
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office
John Sweeney, Morning News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the July 20, 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 Rodgers made a motion Council approve the minutes of the June 16, 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 June 22, 2011 special called meeting of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the minutes of the June 30, 2011 special called meeting of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the minutes of the July 7, 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. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2010/11

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. 31-2010/11

An Ordinance Finding That The South Lynches Fire District May Issue Not Exceeding \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bonds; To Authorize The South Lynches Fire District Commission To Issue Such Bonds And To Provide For The Publication Of Notice Of The Said Finding And Authorization.

APPEARANCES:

SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (SCAC)

Mr. Josh Rhodes And Mr. Wes Covington With The South Carolina Association Of Counties Gave A Brief Presentation Regarding The Programs And Services Provided By The Association And A Legislative Update. Chairman Smith and Vice Chairman Mumford commended the Association for the services provided to the counties and citizens of the State.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve Resolutions Of Appreciation And Recognition For Assistant Chief David Malone And Lieutenant John Epps Of The South Lynches Fire Department For Receiving The Meritorious Action Award At The South Carolina Fire Fighters' Association Conference. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety. Councilman Rodgers presented each firefighter with a framed Resolution and commended them for their service.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2011/12

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 01-2011/12: A Resolution Approving A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement Requested By The Florence County Sheriff And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2011/12

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 02-2011/12: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment Of A Portion Of Bingham Road Located In Pamplico. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2010/11 – THIRD 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 Johnson Controls Battery Group, Inc., And 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 31-2010/11 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 31-2010/11: An Ordinance Finding That The South Lynches Fire District May Issue Not Exceeding \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bonds; To Authorize The South Lynches Fire District Commission To Issue Such Bonds And To Provide For The Publication Of Notice Of The Said Finding And Authorization. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2010/11 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 29-2010/11: 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. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2010/11 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 30-2010/11: 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. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2011/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 02-2011/12 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Katie Barnhill Cook Located At 2214 Alligator Road, Effingham, From R-3, Single-Family Residential District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District Limited Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00126, Block 01, Parcel 401 Consisting Of 0.22 Acres.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD

Council unanimously approved the appointment of Marion McDowell to represent County Council District 3 on the Florence County Board of Assessment Appeals, with appropriate expiration term.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Council voted unanimously to recommend to the Governor the reappointment of Mrs. Marshall Yarborough to serve on the Florence City-County Historical Commission, with appropriate expiration term.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2011 Through May 31, 2011 As An Item For The Record.

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM/GRANTS

STATE LIBRARY LSTA GRANT AWARD

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Accept A South Carolina State Library Services And Technology Act (LSTA) Grant In The Amount Of \$37,422 For A Virtual Museum Project To Catalog The Entire Collection Of The Museum For Online Access. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION/GRANTS

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept A Grant Award In The Amount Of \$5,674.42 From Waste Management For Plants And Other Materials To Create A Butterfly Garden At Lynches River County Park. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Smith commended Ms. Fran Plyler with Waste Management for the fine job she was doing with coordinating the collection sites throughout the County.

PLANNING

DEFER IMPLEMENTATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-2010/11

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Defer Implementation Of Ordinance No. 09-2010/11 Regarding Temporary Signs On Private Property Until February 2, 2012. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID #19-10/11

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #19-10/11 For General Sessions And Common Pleas Folders For The Clerk Of Court Department To American Specialty, Florence, South Carolina In The Amount Of \$8,817.54 To Be Funded From Previously Approved Funds. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD RFP#09-10/11

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve The Award Of RFP #09-10/11 For Property Tax Forms, Processing, And Mailing To Black Mule Print Services, Conway, SC. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Declare Various Listed Equipment From The Emergency Management Department As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TREASURER – DELINQUENT TAX DIVISION

REPORTS

Pursuant To The Policies Approved September 17, 1998 And Amended June 5, 2003, The Florence County Treasurer's Office, Delinquent Tax Division Provided Council With Quarterly Reports On Properties Coded "I" For Investigation And Tax Notices Processed As Nulla Bona, As An Item For The Record.

The following items were additions to the Agenda:

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2011/12

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve A Resolution To Amend The Florence County Personnel Policy Manual To Modify Rehire Rates Of Pay. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION/GRANTS

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Accept Grant #S1939 From The SC Department Of Commerce Economic Development Set-Aside Grant Program In The Amount Of \$2,500,000 For Building Acquisition And Upfit For Otis Elevator Company. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR

Councilman Poston made a motion Council approve An Addendum To Lease Agreement Dated March 21, 2011 Between Florence County And The Town Of Pamplico For Property Located At 132 East Main Street, Pamplico, SC, Requiring Fire And Property Insurance Coverage To Be Maintained At Fair Market Value. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

VINTAGE PLACE

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$818.78 From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For The Material And Installation Of 12 New Stop Signs In Vintage Place. Councilman Anderson 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, For Contractual Matter Concerning Economic Development, Legal Briefing, and a Personnel Matter Related To The Sheriff's Office. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 9:33 a.m. Council reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

Subsequent to Executive Session, Council took the following actions:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2011/12

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve Resolution No. 04-2011/12: A Resolution To Support The Concept Of The City Of Florence Rescinding The Tax Increment Finance District [TIF] To Enable The Conversion Of All Parcels Previously Comprising The TIF Into A Single Multi-County Industrial Park [MCIP] After The TIF Is Dissolved, And To Express The Council's Intent To Proceed With Various Incentives For Major New Projects Within The New MCIP. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PERSONNEL MATTER – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Convert Slot 010-421-110-004 In The Sheriff Office To Salaried/Exempt. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:13 A.M.