

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2009, 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  
J. Ken Ard, Council Member  
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member  
James T. Schofield, Council Member  
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator  
Mike Abbott, County Attorney  
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director  
Ray McBride, Library Director  
Sheriff Kenney Boone  
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 4, 2009 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](http://www.florenceco.org)).

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Anderson gave 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 January 15, 2009 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 18-2008/09 and published the title: An Ordinance Amending The Florence County Code To Remove Outdated Sections And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

## **APPEARANCES:**

There were no appearances requested.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY**

Committee Chairman Mumford stated there would be introduction of an Ordinance to address the litter concerns later on the agenda.

### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE**

Committee Chairman Anderson stated the animal facility was on the road to completion and invited all interested parties to visit the old facility and the new one.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

None were presented.

## **ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 15-2008/09 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2008/09: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Ivan Hanna Located At 362 North Georgetown Highway, City Of Johnsonville From B-2, Convenience Business District To B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00440, Block 5, Parcel 36 Consisting Of .68 ± Acres. Councilman Ard made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 16-2008/09 – THIRD READING**

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 16-2008/09: An Ordinance Authorizing The Postponement Of Reassessment For Tax Year 2009 Until Tax Year 2010 And All Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 17-2008/09 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2008/09: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Douglas H. Phillips Located At 3654, 3656, 3658, 3660, 3662 and 3664 South Irby Street, Florence From B-5, Office And Light Industrial District To B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00152, Block 1, Parcel 58 Consisting Of 3.79 Acres. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheet, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing for Ordinance No. 18-2008/09.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 18-2008/09 – SECOND READING**

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 18-2008/09: An Ordinance Amending The Florence County Code To Remove Outdated Sections And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 19-2008/09 – INTRODUCED**

The Chairman published the title and declared Ordinance No. 19-2008/09 introduced: An Ordinance Establishing Regulations For The Securing And Disposition Of Solid Waste, To Establish Procedures For Violations, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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

### **JOHNSONVILLE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

Jeffrey B. Humphries was unanimously reappointed to the Johnsonville Rural Fire District Board of Fire Control with the appropriate expiration term.

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2009 Through December 31, 2008 As An Item For The Record.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

#### **FIRETRAX SOFTWARE UPGRADE**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize The Procurement Of The Firetrax Software Upgrade For The Current Accountability Software Used By The Emergency Management Department From The Only Authorized Dealer In South Carolina, Bridgeway Solutions, In The Amount Of \$29,787 Utilizing 2007 Homeland Security Grant Funding. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **GRANT AWARD SOUTH CAROLINA BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept The Grant From The South Carolina Budget And Control Board In The Amount Of \$43,237.50 For The Fiscal Year 2008 First Responder Interoperability Grant To Maintain The County's 800 MHz Radio System. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT**

### **AWARD BID #17-08/09**

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Accept The Bid Of The Lowest Responsive Bidder, Palmetto Paving, Conway, SC In The Amount Of \$11,371 For Paving Of The Parking Lot And Extension Of The Driveway At The Hannah Salem Fire Station To Be Funded From South Carolina Department Of Transportation (SCDOT) "C" Fund Program, PCN# 38100; And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute All Associated Documents To Proceed. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **AWARD BID #18-08/09**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Accept The Bid Of The Lowest Responsive Bidder, Palmetto Paving, Conway, SC For Paving At Savannah Grove Park In The Amount Of \$95,876.70 And Approve The Extension Of Pricing To Pave The Remainder Of The Parking Area In The Amount Of \$47,898 To Be Funded From FY08 Bond And Authorize The County Administrator To Proceed. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **RFQ REVIEW PANEL RECOMMENDATION – ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Following Five (5) Architectural Firms For Pre-Qualification For Future Small Facility Projects In The County As Recommended By The General Architectural Services Request For Qualifications (RFQ) Review Panel: The Boudreaux Group, Columbia, SC; Collins And Associates Architecture, Florence, SC; FW Architects/John Bowman Architect, Florence, SC; Goforth, Brown And Associates, Florence, SC; And Studio 2LR Architects, Columbia, SC; And Authorize The County Administrator To Proceed In Conjunction With The Related Using Department(s) To Designate A Firm And Contract Subject To Available Appropriations And County Attorney Review. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **COUNCILMAN SCHOFIELD:**

### **VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTIONS OFFICE**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council authorize the Committee on Public Service & County Planning to begin consideration of the new Voter Registration/Elections Building and proceed with the hiring of an architect and proceed with getting ready for that new facility. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**The following items were approved as additions to the agenda:**

**AWARD BID #20-08/09**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Accept The Bid Of The Lowest Responsive Bidder, Palmetto Paving, Conway, SC For Baroody Street Parking Expansion In The Amount Of \$98,389.75 To Be Funded From Fiscal Year 09 Landfill/Capital Improvements Fund; And Authorize The County Administrator To Proceed. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. County Administrator Richard Starks stated this project had been in the works for a long time and should add well over 100 parking spaces at the City-County Complex. Originally, the County thought an engineer would have to be contracted however the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments did the design work and will assist in monitoring the project, saving the County over \$10,000.

**AWARD BID #23-08/09**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid #23-08/09 to PML Tours, Marlton, New Jersey To Coordinate Travel For Citizens Interested In Traveling To Washington, DC; And Authorize The County Administrator To Proceed At No Cost To The County. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from Councilman Anderson, Mr. Starks responded that local agencies could participate in the bid process if they could provide the same services.

**2009 MEETING CALENDAR**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Amend The 2009 Meeting Calendar To Delete The March 19, 2009 Meeting, due to scheduling conflicts. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

**LAVERNE ARD PARK**

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocations In An Amount Up To \$9,200.00 To The Hannah Pamplico Athletic Association For The Purchase Of Concessions Equipment At Laverne Ard Park. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**LYNCHEs LAKE CAMP BRANCH WATER SHED**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$1,320.19 For 40 Feet Of 36" Double Wall Black Plastic Pipe To Be Used At Lynches Lake Camp Branch Water Shed. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

### **MEMORY LANE**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$45,000.00 To Resurface Memory Lane Pending Approval By The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT); Memory Lane Is A Deteriorated Road In The SCDOT Road System (S21-193). Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**The following item was approved as an addition to the agenda:**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:**

#### **SCRANTON BASEBALL PARK**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council Districts 1 and 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocations In An Amount Up To \$3,449.68 (\$1,724.88 From Each District) To Update The Batting Cages At The Scranton Baseball Park. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**The following item was approved as an addition to the agenda:**

### **UTILITY FUND:**

#### **TOWN OF SCRANTON**

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council Districts 1 and 5 Utility Funding Allocations In An Amount Up To \$20,000 (\$10,000 From Each District) To Assist The Town Of Scranton With Replacing Fire Hydrants And Cut Off Valves. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**The following items were approved as additions to the agenda:**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:**

#### **PEE DEE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$3,120.45 To Assist The Pee Dee Community Action Partnership With The Replacement Of Two (2) Compressors For Rheem Heat Pumps For Its Weed And Seed Safe Haven Program. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE:**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Specified Council Districts' Infrastructure Funding Allocations In An Amount Not To Exceed \$36,000 Total (\$10,000 District 3, \$2,000 District 4, \$7,000 District 6, \$10,000 District 7, And \$7,000 District 9) For New Concessions Stand Projects At Wilson And West Florence High Schools In Florence School District One. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:27 A.M.**