

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, APRIL 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
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
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the April 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. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings required, scheduled or held.

APPEARANCES:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – LT. GOV. KEN ARD

Chairman Smith stated that although there were no appearances scheduled, Council would like to recognize former County Councilman and current Lieutenant Governor Ken Ard. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve a *Resolution of Appreciation* for Councilman Ard in honor of his leadership, guidance, dedication and hard work as a County Councilman. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety and Vice Chairman Mumford presented Lt. Gov. Ard with the framed Resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve A *Resolution Of Appreciation For The Late Marion A. ‘Tony’ Saverance For His Many Contributions And Years Of Dedicated Service To The Citizens Of Florence County*. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety and Councilman Kirby presented the Saverance Family with the framed Resolution.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve A *Resolution Of Recognition For Pearl Moore In Honor Of Her Outstanding Achievements And Commending Her For Joining The Elite Group Of Inductees Into The Women’s Basketball Hall Of Fame In Knoxville, Tennessee In 2011*. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety and Councilmen Mumford, Kirby and Bradley presented Ms. Moore with the framed Resolution.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve A *Resolution Of Recognition For Michael AR Muhammad For His Meritorious Achievements As An Outstanding Athlete*. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety and Councilman Kirby presented Mr. Muhammad with the framed Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2010/11

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 14-2010/11: A Resolution Designating April 2011 As Fair Housing Month In Florence County. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2010/11

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 15-2010/11: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment Of Nelson Road Located In Olanta. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2010/11

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 16-2010/11: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment Of Eulon Lane Located In Johnsonville. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2010/11

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 17-2010/11: A Resolution Approving Existing Multi-Jurisdictional Agreements Requested By The Florence County Sheriff And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreements. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2010/11

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 18-2010/11: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment Of A Portion Of Lawhon Drive Located In Effingham. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**ORDINANCE NO. 16-2010/11 – THIRD READING**

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 16-2010/11: An Ordinance Amending Florence County Code, Chapter 11, Finance And Revenue, To Remove Outdated Sections And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2010/11 – THIRD READING DEFERRED

The Chairman stated third reading of Ordinance No. 17-2010/11 would be deferred: An Ordinance Dissolving Pursuant To Section 4-9-30(5)(E) Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, The Johnsonville Rural Fire District As A Special Tax Fire District Created Pursuant To Section 4-9-30 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, Incident To The Establishment Of Said District As A Special Tax Fire District Under Article 19 Of Title 4 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, Providing For The Conditions With Respect To Said Dissolution, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2010/11 – THIRD READING DEFERRED

The Chairman stated third reading of Ordinance No. 18-2010/11 would be deferred: An Ordinance To Create And Reestablish The Johnsonville Rural Fire District In Florence County, South Carolina Pursuant To Title 4, Chapter 19 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, To Approve The Annual Levy And Collection Of Ad Valorem Taxes And The Imposition Of Rates And Charges For The Operation And Maintenance Thereof, To Authorize The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds On Behalf Of The District From Time To Time, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2010/11 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2010/11 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2010/11 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2010/11 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2010/11 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2010/11 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2010/11 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2010/11 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Ratify FY11 Budget And Grant Council Actions Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2010/11 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 23-2010/11 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code Chapter 6 – Animals And Fowl, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2011/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 01-2011/12 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, 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2010/11 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 24-2010/11 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2010/11 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 25-2010/11 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: 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 Additional Two Appointees, One By Florence County Council And One By City Of Florence And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

CITY-COUNTY MEMORIAL STADIUM COMMISSION

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Confirm The Re-Appointment Of Chappell Jones To Serve On The City-County Memorial Stadium Commission, With Appropriate Term Expiration, Representing The City Of Florence. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PEE DEE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Chairman Smith Stated The Request From Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board For Re-Appointments Would Be Deferred Pending The Strengthening Of The Pool Of Candidates.

PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Nomination To Governor Nikki Haley For Re-Appointment Dr. Gregory Browning And Thornell Kirven To Serve On The Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board Of Directors With Appropriate Expiration Terms. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council unanimously approved the following appointments/reappointments to various boards, commissions, and agencies with appropriate expiration terms:

ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE – Mary Martha Gibson, District 6; Audrey Davis, District 3

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS – Stoney Moore, District 6

MUSEUM BOARD – Kevin Barth, District 6

BOARD OF HEALTH – Robert Hinshelwood, District 6

POLICY COMMISSION ON RECREATION – William L. Breeden, Jr., District 6

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – Ernie Smith, District 6; Gary Daucksch, District 8

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS & APPEALS – Latson Cockfield, District 4

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE – James Byrd, Seat 4

MUSEUM COMMISSION – Ruby Sanders, District 7

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP – Ken Jackson, District 8

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2011 Through February 28, 2011 As An Item For The Record.

PEE DEE TOURISM

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve Funding To Pee Dee Tourism For The Dillon Welcome Center In The Amount Of \$12,500 From Previously Appropriated Funds (\$5,000 From Line 123-411-413-300-6100 And \$7,500 From 124-471-486-640-8900). Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DETENTION CENTER

CONTRACT APPROVAL

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve A One-Year Trial Contract With IHS Pharmacy To Provide A Packaged Medication System For Inmates At The Florence County Detention Center. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID #13-10/11

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #13-10/11 For The Construction Of A New EMS Facility In Pamplico To Mimms Construction, Inc., Hartsville, SC In The Amount Of \$498,395 From Previously Allocated Bond Funds. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD OF BID #17-10/11

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #17-10/11 For A Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer (GC/MS) System For The Florence County Law Enforcement Center Drug Lab To Agilent Technologies, Wilmington, DE In The Amount Of \$80,796.43 To Be Funded From A South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Grant. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD OF BID #18-10/11

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #18-10/11 For A Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer (FT/IR) System For The Florence County Law Enforcement Center Drug Lab To Thermo Fisher Scientific, Madison, WI In The Amount Of \$45,258.36 To Be Funded From A South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Grant. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following items were additions to the agenda:

LIBRARY/MUSEUM/GRANTS

SUBMISSION OF LSTA GRANT APPLICATION

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Submission Of A Grant Application For A Library Services And Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Provided By The South Carolina State Library In The Amount Of \$37,422.17 For A Virtual Museum Project To Catalog The Entire Collection Of The Museum For Online Access. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CVB/GRANTS

TOURISM PARTNERSHIP FUND GRANT APPLICATION

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve A Grant Application For A Tourism Partnership Fund (TPF) \$60,000 Grant From South Carolina Department Of Parks, Recreation And Tourism For Implementation Of The Florence County Marketing Plan In FY12. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

REMOVAL OF SPOIL DIRT PILE

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Direct The County Administrator To Negotiate And Proceed With Removal Of A Spoil Dirt Pile From The Godley Morris Commerce Park By The Manner Most Advantageous To The County. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION/COUNTY COUNCIL

FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$10,000 For Capital Improvements For Florence County School District Four Athletic Fields From Previously Appropriated Funds In Account 315-471-451-000-8602. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

BROOKS MCCALL PARK

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$2,000 From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Install Electrical Service At The Outdoor Stage At Brooks McCall Park. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

LYNCHEs RIVER BASEBALL LEAGUE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$14,000 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For Facility Improvements And Equipment For The Lynches River Baseball League. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TIMMONSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$16,000 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Timmons ville Rescue Squad With The Purchase Of A Power Stretcher. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH SIGNS

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$150 From Council District 8 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Purchase Neighborhood Crime Watch Signs. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SCRANTON DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$6,500 From Council Districts 1 And 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$3,250 From Each District) For Facility Improvements And Equipment For The Scranton Dixie Youth Baseball League. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FRANCIS MARION RECREATION

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,500 From Council Districts 6 and 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$750 From Each District) For The Purchase Of Equipment For The Francis Marion Recreation Baseball League. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

CITADEL STREET

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$36,960 From Council District 8 Utility Funding Allocation To Pay For Resurfacing Citadel Street From Mars Hill Road To Sweetbriar Street. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MARS HILL ROAD

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$38,676 From Council District 8 Utility Funding Allocation To Pay For Resurfacing Mars Hill Road (S-21-1347) From Bellevue Drive To Longwood Drive, Pending Encroachment Permits Being Obtained From The SC DOT. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL AND FLORENCE CAREER CENTER

Chairman Smith stated he wanted to recognize Councilman Bradley not only for his service on County Council but also for continuing his accolades with Wilson High School and the Florence Career Center for receiving recognition for academic improvement and achievement award several years in a row.

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 A Contractual Matter - Pending Civic Center Contract And Legal Briefing. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 9:43 a.m.

(Councilman Schofield left at 10:18 a.m.)

Council reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Fund Up To \$18,000 For The Town Of Timmons ville From District 4 Utility Funding Allocation For Sewer System Improvements. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously (Councilman Schofield was absent for the vote).

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 10:21 A.M.