

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY ST., 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
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
William H. Hoge, Planning & Building Department Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
Sheriff Kenney Boone
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the June 18, 2008 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 and on the County's website (HYPERLINK "http://www.florenceco.org" 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 Anderson made a motion Council approve the minutes of the June 5, 2008 regular 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 hearings for the following Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2007/08

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And BNP Paribas Leasing Corporation And H. J. Heinz Finance Company, 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. 32-2007/08

An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park By And Between Florence County And Williamsburg County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park So As To Include Additional Property In Florence County As Part Of The Joint County Industrial Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2007/08

An Ordinance Authorizing And Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not To Exceed \$600,000 General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Volunteer Fire District), Series 2008, Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bond; Authorizing The County Administrator To Determine Certain Matters Relating To The Bond; Providing For The Payment Of The Bond And Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

There were no appearances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SERVICES & COUNTY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Schofield informed everyone that the Committee on Public Services & County Planning would meet immediately following the Council meeting.

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Mumford stated the Committee met prior to the Council meeting to continue the discussion on litter enforcement.

EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Anderson reminded everyone of the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Environmental Services Animal Control Facility in Effingham on Friday, June 20th at 11 a.m. He expressed his appreciation for Council's support and participation in the project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets, the Chairman closed the public hearings.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2007/08 – THIRD READING

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ORDINANCE NO. 33-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 33-2007/08: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Pinewood Village Located Off Second Loop Road, Florence From RU-1, Rural Community District To B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90-080, Block 1, Parcel 31 Consisting of 7.28 Acres. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 35-2007/08: An Ordinance To Adopt A New Housing Element For The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2007/08 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 36-2007/08: An Ordinance To Ratify FY08 Budget And Grant Resolutions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2007/08 – SECOND READING

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Industrial Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 39-2007/08 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 39-2007/08: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Project JLL, 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 Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 40-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By GBA Ships Florence, Inc. Located At 781 St. Andrews Road, Florence From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To PD, Planned Development District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00074, Block 1, Parcel 12 Consisting Of 12.2 +/- Acres.

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 41-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Cedell And Sylvia C. Burgess Located At 605 Davis Street, Lake City And Leroy Burgess Located In The 400 Block Of Green Haven Avenue, Lake City From R-4, Multi-Family Residential District To RU-1, Rural Community District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00169, Block 31 Parcels 54 And 12 Consisting Of 11.53 +/- Acres.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Kirby appointed Mr. K. D. Lowery to serve on the Florence County Planning Commission representing one at-large municipal seat, with the appropriate expiration date.

Councilman Rodgers appointed Virginia Turbeville Talbert to serve on the Florence County Planning Commission representing Council District 5, with the appropriate expiration date.

FLORENCE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Councilman Bradley re-appointed Ms. Yvette Pierce to serve on the Florence County Library Board of Trustees representing Council District 3, with the appropriate expiration date.

FLORENCE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The following individuals were appointed to serve on the new Florence County Board of Zoning Appeals with appropriate expiration dates:

Mr. Bill Garner, representing Council District 1,
Mr. John Miller, representing Council District 3,
Mr. James Cooper, Jr., representing Council District 7, and

Daniel Jackson, representing Council District 9.

FLORENCE COUNTY CULTURAL COMMISSION

Councilman Mumford appointed Donna Goodman to serve on the Florence County Cultural Commission representing Council District 7, with the appropriate expiration date.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

SC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL GRANT AWARD

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council accept the grant from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in the amount of \$8,730.00 to operate the County's used oil recycling program for FY09 and authorize the designation of appropriate general ledger accounts within the Grant Fund to appropriately account for the FY-2009 Used Oil Grant. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE

FY2008/2009 STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ALLOCATIONS

Councilman Schofield 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 FY2007/2008. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PURCHASING/ADMINISTRATION

FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLES FY09

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the request of County Administrator Richard Starks for him to allow departments to select alternate vehicles from those approved in the FY2009 budget if the change was budget neutral for the same number of vehicles, the alternates were more fuel efficient, and the alternate would perform the functions for which the original vehicle was funded. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF) FUND:

JEFFERIES CREEK AND MAGIC DRIVE

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 6 RSMF funding allocation in an amount up to \$24,791.60 to replenish Jefferies Creek and Magic Drive with 2" of crushed asphalt. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ARROWOOD SUBDIVISION

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 9 RSMF funding allocation in an amount up to \$48,000.00 to resurface Arrowood Drive, Falcon Way, Sky Lark Drive and Arrow Head Circle in the Arrowood Subdivision. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

E. WILLIAMS ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 5 RSMF funding allocation in an amount up to \$1,626.00 for crushed asphalt for E. Williams Road. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY SYSTEM FUND:

CITY OF LAKE CITY – OLD ENGLISH ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council Districts 1 and 5 Utility System funding allocations in an amount up to \$3,000.00 (\$1,500 from each district) to assist the City of Lake City with funding for a sewer line project for Old English Road. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PINE NEEDLES ROAD FLORENCE COUNTY FORWARD PROJECT

Councilman Ard made a motion Council modify the scope of the Pine Needles Road Florence County Forward Project widening design to eliminate the concrete median. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE PEE DEE AREA

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from each Council District's Infrastructure funding allocation in an amount up to \$50,000.00 (divided among all 9 districts as follows: District 1 \$2,000, Districts 2, 5, 6, 8 and 9 \$4,000 each, Districts 3 and 7 \$11,000 each and District 4 \$6,000) for renovations/improvements to the Boys & Girls Club facility located at 310 W. Roughfork Street, Florence. 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 9:24 P.M.

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