

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2013, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ROOM 803, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY STREET,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

James T. Schofield, Chairman
Alphonso Bradley, Vice Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Secretary-Chaplain
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Roger M. Poston, Council Member
Kent C. Caudle, Council Member
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Council Member
Jason M. Springs, Council Member
K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Dorothy Crosby, Interim Library Director
Dale Rauch, Facilities Manager
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Sam Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Sheriff Kenney Boone
Coroner Keith vonLutcken
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby, Sheriff's Office
Lindsay Buchanan, Morning News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the August 21, 2013 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the Meeting Agenda and Proposed Additions to the Agenda were provided to members of the media, members of the public requesting copies, posted in the lobby of the City-County Complex, provided for posting at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library, all branch libraries, and on the County's website (www.florenceco.org).

Chairman Schofield called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Mumford provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Bradley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Schofield welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The July 18, 2013 Regular Meeting And The August 2, 2013 Special Called Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk Published The Titles And Chairman Schofield Opened The Public Hearings For The Following:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2012/13

An Ordinance To Authorize The Execution And Delivery Of Various Documents In Order To Fund A Portion Of The Costs Associated With Soil Remediation Of The Lake City Park Project; To Authorize The Execution And Delivery Of These Documents in Connection Therewith; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2013/14

An Ordinance To Provide For The Creation Of Advisory Committees To The Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2013/14

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 01-2013/14 In Order To Provide Additional Operating Funding For The Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Rural Fire District And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

DOROTHY M. CROSBY, INTERIM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ms. Crosby Appeared Before Council To Present The *Annual Report* For The Florence County Library System. The Florence County Library System received the Southeastern Library Association's (SELA) Outstanding Program Award for its 'Money Madness' Teen Lock-In event and set a State record with 189 attendees. The Florence County Library System was recognized by the State Workforce Investment Board as Workforce Partner of the Year for its collaboration with the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board. The Lake City Library Community Center addition and renovation were completed this year. One of the greatest challenges the Library faced was the decrease in State Aid to libraries. Funding decreased from \$283,000 in FY2007/08 to \$136,000 in FY2012/13. Through the efforts of library directors across the State, State Aid increased from \$136,000 to \$171,106. With many of the State workforce centers closing, many job seekers visited the County Library to utilize the computers to access job sites and complete required forms. This created an increased workload on staff to assist job seekers in the use of computer equipment and a need for increased bandwidth to accommodate the increased usage. Chairman Schofield thanked Ms. Crosby for her report and the great job being done at the Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Chairman Schofield Reported That The Item ‘Accommodations Tax Reconciliation Was Agreed Upon By The Advisory Committee And The Administration & Finance Committee And No Further Action Was Required.

Additionally, Resolution No. 04-2013/14 – Moratorium On Non-Emergency Franchises Would Be Acted Upon Later On The Agenda And No Further Action Of The Committee Would Be Required.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2012/13 (Deferred)

The Chairman stated Resolution No. 30-2012/13 would be deferred: A Resolution In Support Of The Issuance By The South Carolina Jobs – Economic Development Authority Of Its Economic Development Refunding Revenue Bonds (FMU Student Housing, LLC – Francis Marion University Project) Series 2013 In One Or More Series And In An Aggregate Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$14,085,000 Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title 41, Chapter 43, Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2013/14

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 06-2013/14: A Resolution To Approve A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement Requested By The Florence County Sheriff And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2013/14

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 07-2013/14: A Resolution To Request The South Carolina Building Code Council Delay Adoption Of The Proposed Wind Design Region Line Of Demarcation Within Florence County Pending Study And Recommendation By A Licensed Professional Engineer On Behalf Of The County; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2013/14

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 08-2013/14: A Resolution To Approve The Increase Of Daily Inmate Housing Per Diem Rate At The Florence County Detention Center To A Flat Rate Of \$56 Per Day; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheet for Public Hearing, Chairman Schofield closed the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2012/13 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2012/13: An Ordinance To Authorize The Execution And Delivery Of Various Documents In Order To Fund A Portion Of The Costs Associated With Soil Remediation Of The Lake City Park Project; To Authorize The Execution And Delivery Of These Documents In Connection Therewith; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2012/13 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 37-2012/13: An Ordinance Confirming The Inclusion Of Certain Property Of Angus-Palm LLC In A Joint County Industrial And Business Park With Marion County; Providing For An Extension Thereof; And Addressing Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2013/14 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 04-2013/14: An Ordinance To Impose A One Percent Sales Tax, Subject To A Referendum, Within Florence County Pursuant To The Capital Project Sales Tax Act; To Define The Specific Purposes And Designate The Projects For Which The Proceeds Of The Tax May Be Used; To Provide The Maximum Time For Which The Tax May Be Imposed; To Provide The Maximum Cost Of The Projects Or Facilities Funded From The Proceeds To Be Raised By The Tax; To Provide For A County-Wide Referendum And To Concur In The Contents Of The Ballot Question In Such Referendum; To Establish The Priority In Which The Proceeds Of The Tax Are To Be Expended; To Authorize The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of Florence County, Subject To Such Referendum, To Defray Costs Of Projects And Issuance Costs; To Provide For The Conduct Of Such Referendum; To Provide For The Administration Of The Tax; To Provide For The Payment Of The Tax; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Chairman Schofield called to Council's attention an email from Attorney Ben Zeigler regarding a scrivener's error in the document. The Subtotal For Category XIII Was Entered Incorrectly As \$39,254,679 And It Should Have Been \$36,304,677. All Other Calculations Were Correct And The Total Amount Of Projects Was Correct But Council Needed To Clarify For The Record That The Subtotal For Category XIII Had Been Corrected To Be \$36,304,677. Third Reading of the Ordinance as corrected was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2013/14 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 02-2013/14: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Myiona L. Driggers Located At 1819 Bozy Road, Scranton, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 01942, Block 31, Parcel 055; Consisting Of Approximately 0.739 Acres From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To B-3, General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2013/14 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 03-2013/14: An Ordinance To Rezone Property On Behalf Of Robert H. Powell, Executor, Estate Of Gregg Located At E. Ashby Road, Quinby, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00175, Block 01, Parcel 212; Consisting Of Approximately 2.199 Acres From RU-1, Rural Community District To B-3, General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2013/14 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 05-2013/14: An Ordinance To Provide For The Creation Of Advisory Committees To The Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2013/14 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 06-2013/14: An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 01-2013/14 In Order To Provide Additional Operating Funding For The Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Rural Fire District And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Poston made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2013/14 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 07-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Properties In Florence County Located At 114, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 308 E. Carolyn Avenue And 316, 318, 322, 326, 328, 330 E. Grace Drive, Florence, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Numbers 90095, Block 01, Parcels 017, 030, 032-041, And Tax Map Numbers 90095, Block 02, Parcels 001-006, From Commercial Growth And Preservation To Suburban Development; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2013/14 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 08-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 5, Ambulance Services, In Its Entirety To Establish Procedures Relating To Private Ambulance Services And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2013/14 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 09-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend Section 10d Of Ordinance No. 01-2013/14 In Order To Increase Two Coroner Fees And To Add One Additional Coroner Fee And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Jody Lane To Serve On The Planning Commission, Representing Council District 8, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

WEST FLORENCE RURAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Linda Lang Gipko To Serve On The West Florence Rural Volunteer Fire District Board of Fire Control, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

CITY-COUNTY STADIUM COMMISSION

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of Thomas Steven Reaves To Serve On The City-County Stadium Commission, Representing County Council In Seat 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

2013 CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Revised 2013 Calendar Of Meetings Dates And Holidays To Change The Time Of The September 19th Regular Meeting From 6:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M. In An Effort To Accommodate/Facilitate/Cooperate With The Lake City Partnership On A Major Announcement. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION/GRANTS

BLACK CREEK ROAD

Councilman Mumford 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 #42918 In The Amount Of \$184,800 For The Resurfacing Of Black Creek Road From S-26 To S-1134. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith thanked Councilmen Mumford and Bradley for their persistence in this much needed project for the community and Mr. Welch with FCTC for his assistance.

CORONER/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 06-13/14

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Award Bid No. 06-13/14 For Body Removal Services For The Coroner's Office To The Low Bidder Complete Scene Intervention, LLC Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$1,400 Per Month For Body Pick-Up And Delivery To The Morgue At McLeod Regional Medical Center, \$400 Per Trip For Body Pick-Up And Delivery To MUSC In Charleston, \$400 Per Trip For Body Pick-Up And Delivery To Newberry Pathology Associates, Newberry, SC, And \$150 For Body Pick-Up And Delivery To Various Funeral Homes In Florence County. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 01-13/14

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Award Bid No. 01-13/14 To Repair The Splash Pad At Lynches River County Park To The Low Bidder JMD Construction Of Myrtle Beach, SC In The Amount Of \$45,400. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD BID NO. 05-13/14

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Award Bid No. 05-13/14 For Greenwood Athletic Park Parking Lot Lighting To The Low Bidder Melton Electric, Inc. Of Myrtle Beach, SC In The Amount Of \$25,758 And Approve Additional Funding For The Project In The Amount Of \$5,758 To Be Funded From Council Districts 5, 6, 7 And 8 (\$1,439.50 From Each District) Infrastructure Funding Allocations. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith informed Council that staff checked into the possibility of a lease situation versus out-right purchase, but it was in the benefit of the taxpayers to handle it this way.

PROCUREMENT

RFQ PANEL – ENGINEERING SERVICES

Chairman Schofield Appointed Himself To Serve On The RFQ Panel For Engineering Services.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES/FINANCE

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Transfer Of \$20,000 From General Fund Contingency To The Environmental Services Department Budget To Be Used For The Purchase Of Chemicals For Mosquito Abatement. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MUSEUM/GRANTS

DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Accept A Grant Award In The Amount Of \$70,000 From The Duke Energy Foundation For An Interactive Duke Energy Natural Science & History Touch Table At The Florence County Museum. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Schofield expressed appreciation to Duke Energy and stated this would be a great, great addition to the new Museum.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PEE DEE ELECTRICOM INC.

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Adopt A Contract For The Conveyance, Improvement And Re-conveyance Of Real Property Between The County Of Florence And Pee Dee Electricom Inc. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FIXED PRICE REPAYMENT AGREEMENT

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Adopt A Fixed Price Repayment Agreement Between Florence County Economic Development Partnership And Robert L. Thomas, Jr. and Eugene P. Warr, Jr., Jean McLendon, And Jane Rhoden. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

TOWN OF SCRANTON

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$10,000 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For Repairs And Reroofing On Maintenance Buildings For The Town Of Scranton. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

LYNCHEs RIVER ATHLETIC PARK

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$4,900 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For The Purchase Of Security Doors For Buildings At Lynches River Athletic Park. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

GREENWOOD ATHLETIC PARK

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,960.80 From Council District 6 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist In Putting A Cement Drive And Walkway At Greenwood Athletic Park. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WALNUT STREET

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$61,538 From Council District 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For The Resurfacing Of Walnut Street. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNTY GENERAL FUND

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$85,000 From Council Districts' Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Amounts From Each District As Follows: \$9,000 Districts 1, 3, and 5, \$17,000 District 2, \$4,000 Districts 4 and 9, and \$11,000 Districts 6, 7, and 8) To Transfer Funding From District Infrastructure Allocations To The County General Fund. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle stated this was getting into each Districts' infrastructure funds and if there was a way that Administration or Finance could help find a way to help make sure the department had \$85,000 to reduce the amount obligated from Council. Chairman Schofield stated that when Council was considering the annual budget, Council couldn't always anticipate needs and one of the reasons Council had the infrastructure funding was to reallocate funds for the benefit of the citizens.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

DUNAWAY ROAD

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$18,150 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Additional Crushed Asphalt For Dunaway Road. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROYAL STREET

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$96,420 From Council District 7 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For The Resurfacing And Reclamation Of Royal Street. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CROWNLAND ESTATES

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,500 From Council District 8 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For The Resurfacing Of Crownland Estates. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WOODS DRIVE

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$41,250 From Council District 8 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 1 ½” Of Hot Laid Asphalt For The City Portion Of Woods Drive Off Of Second Loop Road. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Smith stated the State resurfaced the State portion of Woods Drive, which was all but the last two blocks and this action was to take care of the remaining portion. Councilman Caudle asked if the City didn’t patch their roads. Chairman Schofield responded the City did not have funding for this.

PARLIAMENT CIRCLE AND NEW GATE COURT

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$93,325 From Council District 9 RSMF/Utility Funding Allocations (\$30,000 From Utility And \$63,325 From RSMF) To Pay For Full Depth Patching And 1 ½” Resurfacing On Parliament Circle And 1 ½” Surface On New Gate Court. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35 A.M.