

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 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
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
James C. Rushton, III, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

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 March 19, 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 Alliance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Council recognized County employees who completed from five to forty years of service with the County as of December 31, 2007.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the minutes of the March 6, 2008 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings required or held.

APPEARANCES:

There were no appearances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AD HOC WATER STUDY COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Ard stated the Committee met March 6, 2008 and it was the consensus of the Committee to schedule a meeting with the City of Florence to express concerns regarding the provision of water to rural areas of the County.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2007/08

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 23-2007/08: A Resolution For The Naming Of A Private Road, Located Off North Georgetown Road In Florence County Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 440, Block 5, Parcels 13, 14, 82, and 85 And Florence County Tax Map Number 439, Block 5, Parcels 2 and 8 To Perimeter Road. Councilman Ard made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 23-2007/08 and declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Adopt A New Natural Resources 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 24-2007/08 and declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Accepting The Transfer By The Town Of Pamplico, South Carolina To The Florence County Election Commission Of The Authority To Conduct Municipal General Elections Of The Town Of Pamplico, South Carolina And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For Such Transfer And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2007/08 – INTRODUCED

The Chairman published the title of Ordinance No. 25-2007/08 and declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Accepting The Transfer By The City Of Florence To The Florence County Election Commission Of The Authority To Conduct The November 4, 2008 General Election Of The City Of Florence And Authorizing The Execution Of An Agreement Providing For Such Transfer And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

There were no appointments made.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

USE OF OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the temporary use of the former Library by the Arts Alliance for the Spring Visual Arts Showcase and authorize the County Administrator to execute a temporary letter-form, lease agreement, subject to review by the County Attorney. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TREASURER – DELINQUENT TAX DIVISION

DELINQUENT TAX DIVISION

Pursuant to 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. No action was required by Council.

OTHER BUSINESS:

UTILITY SYSTEM FUNDING

LANGLEY ROAD

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council District 8 Utility System funding allocation in an amount up to \$19,046.00 to assist the City of Florence with the proposed Langley Drive water line extension. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

SCRANTON BASEBALL PARK

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve the expenditure of funds from Council Districts 1 & 5 Infrastructure funding allocations in an amount up to \$3,032.00 (\$1,516 from each district) to assist the Scranton Baseball Park in building a picnic shelter. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Ard made a motion Council enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter concerning financial advisor and bond legal counsel; contractual matters concerning pending real property transaction; a personnel matter concerning Windy Hill/Olanta Rural Volunteer Fire District; and a contractual matter concerning SC DOT.

Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Council entered executive session at 9:38 a.m. Council reconvened at 11:12 a.m.

Subsequent to Executive Session, Council took the following actions:

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2007/08:

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 26-2007/08 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Approving The Entry By Florence County, South Carolina Into A Capital Facilities Refunding And Improvement Lease-Purchase Financing, Series 2008, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$25,000,000 And Setting Forth The Terms Upon Which Such Financing May Be Undertaken And The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Such Financing May Be Used; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Certain Instruments Relating Thereto, Including A Ground Lease Agreement And A Lease Agreement; Approving The Facilitation Of Such Financing, If Required, By The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation; Approving The Form Of A Trust Agreement Between The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation And A Trustee; Approving The Optional Redemption By Refunding And Prepayment Of Amounts Owed With Respect To The Series 2003 Certificates Of Participation Of The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation; Approving Such Agreements By The County As May Be Required With Respect To The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation, The Redemption Of Said 2003 Certificates Of Participation, And The Aforesaid Lease-Purchase Financing; Approving The Termination Of An Interest Rate Swap Agreement Pursuant To An ISDA Master Agreement And Related Documents Between Florence County And Wachovia Bank, National Association; And Approving Other Matters Relating To The Foregoing.

JOHNSONVILLE LIBRARY

Councilman Ard made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to proceed with surveys, appraisals, all documentation and purchase of approximately one (1) acre of land on South Georgetown Highway, portions of parcels 00441-05-217 and 030 for \$100,000 for the Johnsonville Library, to be funded from appropriations for the library branch from the South Carolina State Library. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AGREEMENT – SC DOT

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to execute an agreement between SCDOT and the Florence Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization setting forth the work and documentation to be completed by staff in order to receive federal funding as part of the SAFETE-LU Federal Highway Program. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX/BAROODY STREET

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council authorize the County Administrator to:

complete all documents and transactions necessary to exchange tax parcels 90168-01-007 and 90168-01-011 for tax parcels 90167-01-008, 015, 016, 017, 019, and 022 between Florence County and the City of Florence; and to assign or transfer all related leases concurrently with exchange; and to provide for and enter into an agreement to provide for continuation of the availability of common usage of available parking areas at the City-County Complex and adjacent County properties; and to accept from SC DOT the two (2) blocks of NB Baroody Street between Coit Street and Dargan Street; and to contract with Davis & Brown Engineering Firm to design parking specifications for one-way traffic and additional

public parking on Baroody Street, with funding to come from the General Fund Contingency; and to enter into and issue contract options to purchase additional properties for County purposes, utilizing interim funding from the Landfill Enterprise Fund 19 Fund Balance, final approval to exercise options being subject to approval of the County Council and interim funding to be ratified in year-end budget amendments; and all above transactions and documentations being subject to review by the County Attorney for form and content.

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 Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:17 A.M.

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