

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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  
K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., County Administrator  
D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney  
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Connie Reel-Shearin, Clerk of Court  
Sheriff Kenney Boone  
Keith Lutcken, Coroner  
Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director  
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director  
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director  
Andrew Stout, Museum Director  
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director  
Dale Rauch, Facilities Coordinator  
Ray McBride, Library Director  
Barbara Coker, Administrative Manager Sheriff's Office  
John Sweeney, Morning News  
Tonya Brown, TV15 Reporter  
Patricia Burkett, TV13 Reporter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 20, 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, 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](http://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 Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The January 17, 2013 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The Chairman Opened The Public Hearings And The Clerk Published The Titles Of The Following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-2012/13**

An Ordinance Approving The Entry By Florence County, South Carolina Into A Capital Facilities Refunding And Improvement Lease-Purchase Financing, Series 2013, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$22,500,000 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 Optional Redemption By Refunding And Prepayment Of Amounts Owed With Respect To The Series 2010 Facilities Refunding Lease-Purchase Financing Of Florence County; Approving Such Agreements By The County As May Be Required With Respect To The Redemption Of Said 2010 Facilities Refunding Lease-Purchase Financing, And The Aforesaid Lease-Purchase Financing; And Approving Other Matters Relating To The Foregoing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 27-2012/13**

An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale From Time To Time Of Accommodations Fee Revenue Bonds Of Florence County, Providing For The Pledge Of Accommodations Fees For The Payment Of Such Bonds, Prescribing The Terms And Conditions Under Which Such Bonds May Be Issued, Providing For The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

**APPEARANCES:**

**PETE SIELER AND BRUCE SMITH – 2013 BUILDING BRIDGES**

Mr. Sieler And Mr. Smith Appeared Before Council To Discuss The Upcoming Building Bridges Program. Chairman Schofield thanked them for attending and for the work being done through the Building Bridges program.

**BENNY A. MULLINS, SAFETY AND TRAINING MANAGER - PDRTA**

Mr. Mullins Appeared Before Council To Discuss Cato Road. He stated the residents didn't understand why part of Cato Road was paved and part was not. At the request of Chairman Schofield, County Administrator Rusty Smith explained that the portion of the road that was paved was a State road and the portion that was not was County maintained. Mr. Mullins requested Council pave the unpaved portion of the road. Councilman Caudle requested that if/when funding became available (approximately \$2+ million) he would like the paving of Cato Road to be a priority. Mr. Smith stated this was a good example of the need for the continuance of the capital project sales tax to continue with infrastructure improvements in the County. Mr. Mullins presented signed petitions for the record (attached and incorporated by reference).

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Committee Chairman Mumford stated the Committee continued to meet with other interested parties to discuss litter concerns and work toward a solution to the problem.

### **AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, MILITARY AFFAIRS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS:**

Committee Chairman Bradley stated the City-County Conference Committee met earlier in the week to discuss the demolition of two (2) properties (dilapidated home and hotel) in the east Florence area. It was the consensus of the Committee members to conduct additional research regarding the hotel property and obtain an assessment of the residential property.

## **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

### **PROCLAMATION – PURPLE HEART COUNTY**

The Clerk published *A Proclamation Declaring Florence County As A Purple Heart County*, in its entirety. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve the Proclamation as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford presented Commander Roosevelt Wallace and VA Officer Randy Godbold with a framed Proclamation.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 16-2012/13**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 16-2012/13: A Resolution Authorizing Approval Of A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The South Carolina Attorney General's Office And The Florence County Sheriff's Office To Participate In The South Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 17-2012/13**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 17-2012/13: A Resolution Authorizing Approval Of A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The South Carolina Department of Public Safety And The Florence County Sheriff's Office To Participate In An Initiative To Improve The Statewide Traffic Records System And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There Being No Signatures On The Sign-In Sheets, The Chairman Closed The Public Hearings.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-2012/13 – THIRD READING DEFERRED**

Chairman Schofield stated third reading of Ordinance No. 17-2012/13 would be deferred: 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. 18-2012/13 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 18-2012/13: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 306 E. Carolyn Avenue, Florence, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 90095-01-019, From Commercial Growth And Preservation To Suburban Development; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-2012/13 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2012/13: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 222 E. Carolyn Avenue, Florence, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 90095-01-020, From Commercial Growth And Preservation To Suburban Development; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-2012/13 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2012/13: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Doulaveris Holdings, LLC Located At 306 East Carolyn Avenue, Florence, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90095, Block 01, Parcel 019; Consisting Of Approx. 0.518 Acres From B-3, General Commercial District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-2012/13 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2012/13: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By James R. And Karen E. Kelly Located At 222 East Carolyn Avenue, Florence, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90095, Block 01, Parcel 020; Consisting Of Approx. 0.262 Acres From B-3, General Commercial District To R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-2012/13 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2012/13: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Code, Chapter 9.5, Drainage And Stormwater Management, Article 1. General, Division 2. General, Sec. 9.5-16. Finding Of Fact., Section (B)(2) And (C); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-2012/13 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 23-2012/13: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And QVC, Inc. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-2012/13 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 24-2012/13: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code Chapter 27, Public Roads And Ways, To Establish Procedures For The Abandonment And Closure Of Public Roads And Right-Of-Ways, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-2012/13 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 25-2012/13: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code Chapter 2, Administration, Article VI, Organization And Rules Of The Florence County Council, Section 2-248. Reading Of Ordinances, Resolutions And Appointments; Section 2-249. Revenue Measures To Be Referred To Committee On County Administration And Finances; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Poston made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-2012/13 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 26-2012/13: An Ordinance Approving The Entry By Florence County, South Carolina Into A Capital Facilities Refunding And Improvement Lease-Purchase Financing, Series 2013, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$22,500,000 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 Optional Redemption By Refunding And Prepayment Of Amounts Owed With Respect To The ~~Series 2010~~ Capital Facilities Refunding And Improvement Lease-Purchase Financing, Series 2010 Of Florence County; Approving Such Agreements By ~~The~~Florence County As May Be Required With Respect To The Redemption Of Said 2010 Capital Facilities Refunding and Improvement Lease-Purchase Financing, And The Aforesaid Lease-Purchase Financing; And Approving Other Matters Relating To The Foregoing. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve second reading of the

Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Councilman Dorriety made a motion to amend the title. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved. Second reading of the Ordinance with amended title was approved unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2012/13 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 27-2012/13: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale From Time To Time Of Accommodations Fee Revenue Bonds Of Florence County, Providing For The Pledge Of Accommodations Fees For The Payment Of Such Bonds, Prescribing The Terms And Conditions Under Which Such Bonds May Be Issued, Providing For The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 28-2012/13 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 28-2012/13: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000) Accommodations Fee Revenue Bonds Of Florence County To Be Designated Series 2013 And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council table Ordinance No. 28-2012/13. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Mrs. Mary Baker To Serve On The Senior Center Commission Representing Council District 6, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

#### **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

##### **ADMINISTRATION**

##### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2013 Through December 31, 2012 As An Item For The Record.

##### **DETENTION CENTER**

##### **SWANSON SERVICES CORPORATION CONTRACT**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve An Addendum To Existing Swanson Services Corporation Contract To Add The Cobra Inmate Housing Communications And Grievance Tracking And Processing Modules For Florence County Detention Center. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **DIRECTOR OF FIRE-RESCUE SERVICES**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize The Addition Of A Director Of Fire/Rescue Services Position To Be Funded From FY13 Budgeted Funds. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion. Councilman Mumford made a motion to remove the title of ‘Director’ and replace with ‘Coordinator.’ Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Kirby stated he had been talking with the Fire Chiefs and volunteers and there was uneasiness regarding what would happen with the fire protection in Florence County. He asked Council to delay action on this matter until they were comfortable with moving forward. Chairman Schofield stated he had met with the main two people who objected to the issue and they asked for the title to be changed from Director to Coordinator, which was just approved by Council. He stated he wanted to make a few comments because a lot of discussion had been in the paper and this was a very critical issue for Florence County.

Chairman Schofield stated, “County Council has the ultimate responsibility and liability for fire service in the unincorporated areas of this County. This is a serious obligation; one which neither I nor the Council will shy away from, no matter how difficult or controversial the task. The fire districts were created by County Council and taxes imposed to provide funding for these departments along with giving fire boards responsibility to see that adequate fire service was provided to our citizens. These departments have been built and sustained largely by the efforts of volunteers, who have in some cases spent most of their lives serving our citizens for little or no compensation; making do with almost nothing, and, as some of them have said, ‘putting lipstick on a pig’ and to them, this Council is extremely grateful.

Many things have changed over the last fifty years for fire service. It is no longer mostly house fires occurring during the night when volunteers could respond to it. These districts have many new industries, institutional facilities, and assembly occupancy buildings, such as churches, since the districts’ beginning that further place demand on fire and first responder services. The difficulties, especially in this day and time and economic conditions of our time, faced by these dedicated volunteers responding to calls has intensified. Over the years, these departments have evolved into not only fire but a first responder status requiring rescue, extrication, and medical services, especially since the World Trade Center events in 2001. Many new requirements, both Federal and State, have ensued which further taxed the ability of these departments to sustain themselves within the existing legal framework that they operate under. Some departments experience as much as 70% of their call volume in first responder incidents which, by the way, are people, not houses. Yet we finance this operation solely on property taxes. In my mind, property taxes for fire service for homes and business is the best way to assess the revenue needed. However, first responder, I have serious doubts. This is one of the areas I am extremely concerned about; the value of one’s house or business has nothing to do with what it costs to provide first responder for medical and traffic accidents.

Council intent is to hire someone with impeccable credentials who has years of first fire service experience and the ability to help work with the Chiefs and the fire boards. In

order to develop the necessary changes to our system and funding sources to provide equitable fire and first responder services to all – and I repeat ALL – areas of our County, at the least cost possible to the citizens. Without a full-time individual with the training, experience with South Carolina fire regulations and operations of these departments, in my opinion, this goal is not attainable. Comments have been made that the system is not broken, even by some who know better. The system is not broken as far as the volunteers are concerned. They're efforts are extraordinary and require further action by Council to reward and sustain their efforts. This Council is dedicated to seeing that never again will hundreds of thousands of dollars that have been alleged in a criminal prosecution which is ongoing will be stolen from one of these departments. Never again will someone have the opportunity to transfer the title of a taxpayer owned vehicle to himself. Never again will purchases be made which are not for the department or fuel stolen for personal use. Never again will the integrity of our departments or the integrity and dedication of these many fine volunteers be sullied by a rogue individual. Never again will a fire board have to go to the bank and borrow money personally in order to sustain their operations until their new budget year. Never again will a department have a forty year old piece of equipment and put a bond on and tax their citizens to buy a twenty year old piece of equipment. And never again should it take seven tone alarms and thirty minutes in order to roll an engine from a district station in support of another districts' house fire call, simply because they have no driver for the engine; simply because they are prohibited from having paid drivers (at least by what I'm told) by the By Laws of their organization. Suppose in that instance that the call was to a school, a nursing home, or a place of assembly where many of our citizens would have been put at risk. Fixing these problems is not negotiable. Our citizens and our volunteer and career fire fighters deserve better and this Council, in my opinion, will take the steps to fix these and other problems, no matter how difficult. This Council's obligation and duty is to protect to the best of our ability an event like happened to the fire service and its heroic fire fighters in Charleston, will never happen in Florence County. Our fire fighters deserve better and certainly our citizens deserve better.

Unlike it has been portrayed in the media, Council will not hire someone in this position because of who they know, but on a record of service and training that reflects their dedication to fire and first responder services. The inferences because Chief Brockington knows former Councilman Smith and that he would be hired because of that fact are very distasteful to me. Chief Brockington has over forty years of distinguished service to our citizens and due to his education and training and the hard work of many other individuals has created what many believe to be one of the finest volunteer fire departments in the southeast. Just because he knows the Administrator does not disqualify from the position, nor does it guarantee him that he will get the position. This Council will review the applicants and the Administrator will select someone that has the confidence of this Council and the Chiefs, and the fire boards, the training and the experience that has the best chance of succeeding at this task. Let me remind the public, Mr. Smith has moved from a position of setting policy to one of implementing the policy decisions of the Council. Mr. Smith understands he is one of the 'hired hands' now and has performed well in his duties.

Additionally, unlike it has been portrayed, Mr. Smith is not the leading force behind this effort. When I joined this Council six years ago I said we should begin to develop changes to how fire services is financed and handled in our County, but I was told by a veteran, 'don't open that can of worms.' When Councilman Poston was elected he brought many more of the inconsistencies in fire service to my attention, and the momentum began to build within Council that action needed to be taken. So now that the can of worms is open, it's time to fish or cut bait and that is what the public elects us to do. We are, as expected, dealing with the difficulties that many councils before us have encountered before us in order to provide a more consolidated and improved fire service. But like them, we will take our time to get it right, and even though the task may be extremely difficult the duty we have to our citizens is paramount and we will succeed. No, we are not rushing this process, we have and we will take a tremendous amount of our time studying other systems in the State and involve the stakeholders in intense discussion before we pass any ordinance changing the system we have. Minor but imperative improvements will be acted on after consultation in the near future. Major changes will come when the time is right and after careful consideration of the facts. No, we are not rushing to the end of the process, however we are not going to delay getting started on it, or at least I ask Council not to delay getting started on it. The risks to our citizens and our businesses are too high."

Councilman Kirby stated, "That sounds good, but I tell you, I've talked to these volunteers and it's not that they don't want to have a 'go-between' between Council and their selves, they just like to ... and out of respect ... just delay it for a couple of meetings until we get them comfortable with it. We got most of the chiefs out there right now and if I'm wrong in what their desires are ... my desire ... I'm gonna vote the way these volunteers that have worked so hard for this County to represent us and I'm gonna represent them." He asked for a show of hands who would like to delay the matter. Several hands were raised.

Councilman Mumford called for the question. The vote to Authorize The Addition Of A Coordinator Of Fire/Rescue Services Position To Be Funded From FY13 Budgeted Funds was approved with a six (6) to two (2) vote. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Schofield, Councilmen Culberson, Poston, Bradley, Mumford and Caudle. Voting in opposition were Councilmen Kirby and Dorriety.

## **PROCUREMENT**

### **DECLARATION AND DONATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Declare Unit Sequence #5018, 1987 Ford F350 Serial #1FDKE30L7HHA14427, As Surplus Property And Authorize Donation Of Said Vehicle To The Johnsonville Rescue Squad. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Declare Unit #VS234, A 2010 Ford F-150, As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Internet Auction Via GovDeals And Authorize The Proceeds From The Sale Be Allocated To The Sheriff's Office To Offset Costs To Replace. In response to a question from Councilman Caudle, Mr. Smith stated the County had insurance, however the vehicle driver was not at fault in the accident and the Sheriff's Office, Risk Manager, and Administrative Services Director were of the consensus it was in the County's best interest to replace the damaged vehicle and use any proceeds from the at-fault insured toward the purchase of the replacement vehicle. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Declare A 2003 Ford E-450, V#849, As Surplus Property And Authorize Disposal Thru Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **DESIGN OF A PROTOTYPE EMS STATION**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Design Of A Prototype EMS Station For Future Construction Of Emergency Medical Services Facilities By Collins And Almers Architecture In The Amount Of \$37,500 To Be Funded From Contingency Funds. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD OF BID #06-12/13**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Award Of Bid #06-12/13 For Construction Of The New Manned Convenience Center In Lake City To Kirven Construction, Inc., Darlington, SC, In The Amount Of \$531,000 To Be Funded \$250,047 From 314-471-451-100-8600, \$74,545 From 421-441-43-200-6411 And \$206,408 From Previously Approved Funds. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion. In response to a question from Councilman Kirby, Mr. Smith responded that the \$250,000 was previously approved bond funds allocated and the \$74,545 was from the Landfill Fund. He stated further that this was the impetus for the Dr. Eddie Floyd and Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation Lake City Park project. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **RECREATION**

### **LAVERNE ARD PARK**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Authorize The Construction Of A Football Field At Laverne Ard Park In The Estimated Amount Of \$110,000 To Be Funded From Previously Allocated Bond Funds. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE/GRANTS**

### **SCDPS VICTIMS OF CRIME ACCT GRANT**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Submission Of A Grant Application In The Amount Of \$48,477 Under The South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Victims Of Crime Act Grant Program To Provide For Personnel Cost For A Full-Time Victim Advocate That Speaks Fluent Spanish To Assist With Spanish Speaking Crime Victims. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion. In response to a question from Councilman Caudle, Mr. Smith stated it was a five year grant and the person would be required to provide assistance to Spanish speaking victims. Sheriff Boone stated patrol dealt with over 1,300 cases, investigations dealt with 364 cases as well as 202 arrests in the prior year and that the individual hired would assist in other areas as needed. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE/PROCUREMENT**

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Declare Two (2) Glock 21 SF Handguns, Serial Numbers PAU211 And SWK702, As Surplus Property For The Purpose Of Awarding To Retiring Employees. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **DELMAE LEAGUE**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,500 From Council Districts 4, 5 And 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Approximately \$2,834 From Each District) To Assist The Delmae League With The Purchase Of A John Deere 1200A Reconditioned Bunker And Field Rake. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **PEE DEE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP TRANSITIONAL SHELTER**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,000 From Council Districts 3 And 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Approximately \$2,500 From Each District) To Assist The Pee Dee Community Action Partnership Transitional Shelter With The Purchase Of A Refrigerator, Deep Fryer, Microwaves, and Dining Table And Chairs. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY**

### **AEDs – CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,000 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$1,000 From Each District) To Purchase AEDs For The City-County Complex. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

### **NELSON LANE**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,470 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Rock And Crushed Asphalt For Nelson Lane. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**The following item was an addition to the Agenda:**

### **FRASER STREET**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$40,227 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For The Resurfacing Of Fraser Street. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **UTILITY**

### **TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$12,000 From Council District 4 Utility Funding Allocation To Assist The Town of Timmons ville With The Purchase Of Two (2) Lawn Mowers. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve a Resolution of Appreciation and Recognition for K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. For His Admirable Service To Florence County And Its Citizenry. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Clerk published the Resolution in its entirety and Councilman Mumford presented Mr. Smith with the framed document and the gavel Mr. Smith used during his tenure as Chairman of the Florence County Council. Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation for the recognition.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Enter Executive Session, Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended, for Contractual Matters, Legal Briefing, Pending Real Property Transaction, and Personnel Matters. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 9:58 a.m. Council reconvened at 11:24 a.m.

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

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:24 A.M.**