

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009, 9:00 A.M., LYNCHES RIVER
COUNTY PARK, 1110 BEN GAUSE ROAD, COWARD, 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 Yokim, Finance Director
Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Director
Bonnita K. Andrews, Human Resources Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
Sheriff Kenney Boone
Barbara Coker, Sheriff Office
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the December 9, 2009 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, Lynches River County Park 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 November 19, 2009 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk published the title and the Chairman opened public hearing for the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2009/10

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ORDINANCE NO. 23-2009/10

An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Joint County Industrial Park Dated As Of December 1, 1998 Between Florence County, South Carolina And Williamsburg County, South Carolina To Include Additional Properties In The County As Part Of The Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2009/10

An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Joint County Industrial Park Dated As Of December 1, 2006 Between Florence County, South Carolina And Marion County, South Carolina To Include Additional Properties In The County As Part Of The Multi-County Industrial Or Business Park.

APPEARANCES:

HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION (HBA) OF THE GREATER PEE DEE

Darryl Hall - HBA Board President, Mark Nix - Executive Director Of SC HBA And Attorney Gary Finklea Requested That The Florence County Building Code Official Be Granted Discretionary Authority As Authorized In Chapter 1 Under The Administration Of The 2006 IRC To Modify Or Accept Alternative Materials, Design And Methods Of Construction Based On New Science And/Or Research. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Acknowledge That Based Upon The Best Available Scientific Data, Florence County Does Not Fit Within The Definition Of A Hurricane Prone Region As Defined By The 2006 International Residential Code. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RYON WATKINS, EMS DIRECTOR

Mr. Watkins Informed Council Of A Collaborative Venture Between Florence County EMS And The Area Hospitals Regarding The Pre-Hospital Treatment Of Heart Attack Patients. New advanced technology enables EMS to perform an EKG on a patient prior to or during transport to the hospital and transmit that EKG to the hospital so that the hospital would have the information in hand prior to patient arrival to determine immediate treatment for the patient. Interface tools needed to make this project come to fruition would cost approximately \$41,000, however, McLeod Regional Medical Center and Carolinas Hospital System agreed to contribute the funding for the project. Mr. Watkins stated he would be back before Council in January or February to request Council officially accept the funding for the project but wanted to make Council aware of the collaborative effort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE & COUNTY PLANNING

Committee Chairman Schofield stated the Committee was scheduled to meet on January 14, 2010 to discuss Ordinance No. 13-2009/10 (Abatement of Unsafe Structures). He commented that the proposed Ordinance No. 25-2009/10 was the Ordinance dealing with dilapidated and dangerous signs.

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Committee Chairman Mumford stated the Committee on Justice & Public Safety was set to meet prior to the January 14, 2010 meeting to discuss ambulance services.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

Committee Chairman Anderson published a letter from the Lake City Rotary Club, who donated \$500 to the County for the spay & neuter clinic.

CITY-COUNTY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Bradley commended Council for its support of the Iola Jones Park Project to increase adult activities at the Park.

RESOLUTIONS:

No Resolutions were presented.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2009/10 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 16-2009/10: An Ordinance To Adopt The Amendments To The Administrative Procedures For The Florence County Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 520 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2009/10 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2009/10: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By JAK Ventures LLC, Located At Oakdale Terrace Blvd., Florence From R-4, Multi-Family Residential District To PD, Planned Development District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00074, Block 01, Parcels 22, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324 Consisting Of Approximately 7.4 Acres. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2009/10 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 18-2009/10: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Randy Coker, Located At Devonshire Road, Lake City From R-2, Single-Family Residential District To PD, Planned Development District Shown On Florence County Map 00167, Block 31, Parcel 127 Consisting Of Approximately 3.47 Acres. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2009/10 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2009/10: An Ordinance To Zone Property Owned By Florence County Located At 959 S. Pamplico Hwy., Pamplico To B-1, Limited Business District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00377, Block 02, Parcel 061 Consisting Of 1.03 Acres. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 25-2009/10

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 25-2009/10 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Sign Regulations, Section 30-206, Prohibited Signs, And Section 30-209, Removal Of Signs, And Article VII, General And Ancillary Regulations, Section 30-249, Nonconformities, And Article X, Definitions, Regarding The Removal Of Dilapidated, Dangerous, And Illegal Signs, And The Definitions For Those Signs And Abandoned Signs.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**FLORENCE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD**

Council unanimously appointed Reverend Matthew Brown to represent Florence County Council District One on the Florence County Museum Board.

EMPLOYEE BONUS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve an additional \$100 bonus for County employees, making the total \$200. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2010 Through October 31, 2009 As An Item For The Record.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Schedule Of County Council Meeting Dates For 2010, As Well As The Official County Holidays For 2010. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OFFICE RFP PANEL APPOINTMENT

Chairman Smith Appointed Councilman Anderson To Serve On The Design/Build Environmental Services Office RFP Panel.

SHERIFF OFFICE

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Declare An On-Site Propane Tank At The Florence County Law Enforcement Center (No Longer Used By The County) As Surplus And Allow For The Sale Of Property To TransTech Energy, Inc., In The Amount Of \$23,769; The Proceeds To Be Used To Expand The Storage Area At The Law Enforcement Center. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

LIBRARY

RE-AWARD BID #01-09/10

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Re-Award Bid #01-09/10 For Landscaping And Maintenance At The Olanta And Timmons ville Branch Libraries To Hatchell Landscaping, Inc., Florence, SC, The Second Low Bidder, In The Amount Of \$42,000, Due To The Low Bidder, Cut-M-Up Landscape, Being Unable To Fulfill The Contractual Obligations. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

RESURRECTION RESTORATION CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$4,084.39 From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Resurrection Restoration Center For The Homeless With The Completion Of A Commercial Kitchen. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

S. FLANDERS ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$12,584.00 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For The Cost Of Resurfacing S. Flanders Road With 1 ½" Type C Hot Laid Asphalt. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE

JEFFERSON STREET

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$21,384.00 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For The Cost Of Resurfacing Jefferson Street. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROUGHFORK STREET

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$72,610.78 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For The Cost Of Resurfacing 4,106 Feet (150 Feet Will Be Reclaimed) Of Roughfork Street With 1 ½" Type C Hot Laid Asphalt. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MARY ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$45,452.00 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For MBC Stone And Crushed Asphalt For Mary Road. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following items were additions to the agenda:

NORTH VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure From Council District 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocation In An Amount Estimated To Be \$8,700.00 For Completion Of The North Vista Elementary School Repaving Project To Alleviate Related Drainage Issues. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF PAMPLICO AND CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of \$1,000 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Town of Pamplico and the City of Johnsonville with their annual Christmas celebrations (\$500 each municipality). Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of \$1,000 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Town of Timmonsville With Its Annual Christmas Parade. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

SHERIFF OFFICE

PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION

Chairman Smith stated that for the record, the item on the agenda Requesting Authorization For The Purchase Of Eight (8) Flashback Digital In-Car Cameras, Compatible With The Existing Digital Evidence Series System Currently Used At The Sheriff Office, From The Exclusive Manufacturer And Distributor L3 Communications Mobile Visions Inc., In The Amount Of \$42,336 Utilizing 2009 Justice Assistance Grant Funds Was Deferred, Pending State Approval.

RECESS

There being no further business before Council, Council recessed until 10:30 a.m.

Council recessed at 9:36 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Council recognized employees who completed from five to thirty-five years of service with the County as of December 31, 2009.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:17 A.M.