

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ROOM 803, CITY-COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY STREET,
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
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Roger M. Poston, Council Member
Thomas B. Robinson, County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Dusty Owens, EMD Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
John Sweeney, Morning News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the March 14, 2012 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. Copies of the Meeting 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 and all branch libraries, 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.

Chairman Smith stated Florence County had one of the finest staffs in South Carolina and he wanted to recognize Emergency Management Department Director Dusty Owens, who was bestowed the South Carolina Emergency Management Director of the Year Award at the South Carolina Emergency Management conference in Spartanburg recently.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The February 16, 2012 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk published the titles and Chairman Smith opened Public Hearing for the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2011/12

An Ordinance To Adopt A Priority Investment Element For The Florence County Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2011/12

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of One Or More Incentive Agreements By And Among Florence County, South Carolina, And Project Fiber, And One Or More Affiliated Or Related Entities, As Sponsor, To Provide For A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes Incentive; To Provide For The Inclusion Of The Project In A Multi-County Business Or Industrial Park; To Provide For Special Source Revenue Credits; To Provide For A County Grant For Job Creation And To Enter Into Any Other Necessary Agreements To Effect The Intent Of This Ordinance; And Other Related Matters.

APPEARANCES:

PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO FLORENCE COUNTY DSN

As an addition to the Agenda, Council presented *A Proclamation Proclaiming The Month Of March, 2012 As Disabilities Awareness Month In Florence County* to representatives of the Florence County Disabilities and Special Needs (DSN) Board. The Clerk published the Proclamation in its entirety. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Proclamation. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2011/12

Chairman Smith published the title of Resolution No. 21-2011/12: A Resolution Authorizing Approval Of A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement Requested By The Florence County Sheriff And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2011/12 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2011/12: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 30. Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-111, Development Standards For Unzoned Areas Table I Existing Adjacent Uses And Section 30-111, Development Standards For Unzoned Areas, (6) Certain Uses And Industrial Projects, (c), Automotive Race And Testing Tracks; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets, the Chairman closed the Public Hearings.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2011/12 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 18-2011/12: An Ordinance To Adopt A Priority Investment Element For The Florence County Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2011/12 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2011/12: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of One Or More Incentive Agreements By And Among Florence County, South Carolina, And Project Fiber, And One Or More Affiliated Or Related Entities, As Sponsor, To Provide For A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes Incentive; To Provide For a Sponsor Affiliate; To Provide For The Inclusion Of The Project In A Multi-County Business Or Industrial Park; To Provide For Special Source Revenue Credits; To Provide For A County Grant For Job Creation And To Enter Into Any Other Necessary Agreements To Effect The Intent Of This Ordinance; And Other Related Matters. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2011/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2011/12 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Declare As Surplus Real Property Owned By Florence County Located At 124 Epps Street, Lake City, South Carolina And Designated As Tax Map Number 80008-12-008: And To Authorize The Conveyance Thereof To Florence School District Three; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2011/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2011/12 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Chapter 44 Of Title 12, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, XEL Florence, L.P., And Med3000, Inc. And Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2011/12 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 23-2011/12 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Agreement Governing The Joint County Industrial And Business Park By And Between Marion County, South Carolina And Florence County, South Carolina, Dated September 19, 2002, To Authorize The Expansion Of The Boundaries Of The Park And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2011/12 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 24-2011/12 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced by title only: An Ordinance To Amend Section 6-8. Animal Rescue Agency Adoption Policies Of The Florence County Code Of Ordinances.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PEE DEE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Unanimously Approved The Recommendation Of The Pee Dee Mental Health Center Board Of Directors For The Nomination Of C. Rudy Guajardo, III To Governor Nikki Haley For Appointment To Serve On The Board With Appropriate Expiration Term.

SENIOR CENTER COMMISSION

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Mrs. Bettie Huggins to the Senior Center Commission representing Council District 4, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of The Following Individuals To Serve On The Library Board Of Trustees, With Appropriate Expiration Terms: Dr. Sharon Askins – Council District 1, Janis Munnerlyn – District 6, Angela Lorenz – District 8, Yvette Pierce – District 3, and Charles Howle – District 9.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

MUSEUM/PROCUREMENT

AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Authorize The Award Of A Sole Source Contract To Projectlink, LLC For The Multivista Documentation Software And Construction Photography Services To Provide Digital Documentation Of The Florence County Museum Construction Project In The Amount Of \$14,994 To Be Funded From Museum Construction Funds. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Schofield commented that this was a much needed purchase to answer any questions regarding construction of the building later, such as where pipes were installed.

PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Declare Five (5) Vehicles, One (1) Ambulance, One (1) Dump Truck, One (1) Ballfield Shaper, Ten (10) Ambulance Cots, And One (1) Truck As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID #10-11/12

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve Award Of Bid #10-11/12 For One (1) Motorgrader To Blanchard Machinery Company, Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$221,189.40 To Be Funded From FY12 Departmental Funds. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RECREATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD OF BID #09-11/12

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve Award Of Bid #09-11/12 For Turf Maintenance At Florence County Recreation Facilities To Firehouse Lawncare, Inc., Pamplico, SC In The Amount Of \$90,000 Annually To Be Funded From Budgeted Departmental Funds. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

CITY OF FLORENCE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$20,473 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Florence With A Water Line Extension 3,700 Feet Along Olanta Highway. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SOUTH LYNCHES FIRE DISTRICT

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,000 From Council Districts 1 And 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$2,500 From Each District) For The Installation Of The Access Doorway For The South Lynches Fire Department At The Lower Florence County Public Services Building. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SPAULDING HEIGHTS COMMUNITY PARK

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$750 From Council District 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Enhance The Parking Area At Spaulding Heights Community Park. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

HORACE MATTHEWS ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,346 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Additional Crushed Asphalt To Be Put On Horace Matthews Road. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PEPPER TREE DRIVE

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$11,477 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For MBC Stone To Be Put On Pepper Tree Drive. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WATTS LANE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$25,156 From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Rock And Crushed Asphalt For Watts Lane. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

WILLIAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,532 From Council District 3 Utility Funding Allocation For Repairs/Upgrades To The Outdoor Basketball Court At Williams Middle School. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE/ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

E. BLACK CREEK ROAD

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$49,005 From Council District 7 Infrastructure/RSMF Funding Allocations To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For E. Black Creek Road. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY

PROSSER FIELD/JOHNSONVILLE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$6,600 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$734 From Each District) For The Repairs/Improvements To The Dugouts At The Prosser Field/Johnsonville Athletic Complex. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following items were additions to the Agenda:

OTHER BUSINESS:

WYLIE ROAD

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,250 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Additional Crushed Asphalt To Be Put On Wylie Road. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

W. BLACK CREEK ROAD

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$345.60 From Council District 7 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 4 Tons Of Hot Asphalt To Be Put On W. Black Creek Road. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FORMER TIMMONSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FIELDS

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,000 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For Field Maintenance And Repairs Of The Former Timmonsville High School Fields At 517 West Market Street, Timmonsville. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROSPECT FIELD

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$750 From Council District 2 Utility Funding Allocation For Facility Improvements At Prospect Field. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL RETREAT:

Chairman Smith stated a Council Retreat was scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd beginning at 9 a.m. at Moore Farms, Fire Tower Center, 1698 Pine Bay Road, Lake City.

NATURALLY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

Chairman Smith announced for the record that Project Fiber (Ordinance No. 20-2011/12) was Naturally Advanced Technologies.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:26 A.M.