

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2015, 9:00 A.M., COUNTY COMPLEX,
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803, 180 N. IRBY STREET,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

Roger M. Poston, Chairman
James T. Schofield, Vice Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
Kent C. Caudle, Council Member
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Council Member
Jason M. Springs, Council Member
H. Steven DeBerry, IV, Council Member
K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ABSENT:

Mitchell Kirby, Secretary-Chaplain

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk of Court Connie Reel-Shearin
Sheriff William K. Boone
Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Jack Newsome, Tax Assessor
Andrew Stout, Museum Director
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Sam Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Alan Smith, Library Director
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the August 19, 2015 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 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 Poston called the meeting to order. Councilman Mumford provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Schofield led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Poston welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The July 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Clerk Published The Titles And The Chairman Opened Public Hearing For The Following Ordinances:

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2015/16

An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 114 Steele Avenue, Pamplico, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 60008, Block 01, Parcel 004, From Rural Preservation To Commercial Growth And Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2015/16

An Ordinance To Amend The Text Of The ‘PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTING PLAN OR AMENDMENTS’ And ‘PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE’ Sections Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Administrative Procedures; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2015/16

An Ordinance To Amend The Text To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-297, Administrative Procedures, Action (Planning Commission And Board Of Zoning Appeals); And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

There Were No Appearances Requested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

At the request of Committee Chairman Caudle, Recreation Director Ronnie Pridgen provided an update on County programs. Numbers exceeded previous year with fall ball registration and the Miracle League was constantly holding fundraisers and progressing well. Fields were currently being prepared for the next season.

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, MILITARY AFFAIRS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Committee Chairman Bradley stated the City-County Conference Committee was in the process of scheduling another meeting, with the main topic being the discussion of the US 76 corridor enhancement.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2015/16

The Chairman stated Resolution No. 02-2015/16 would be deferred to the September meeting: A Resolution Identifying A Project To Satisfy The Requirements Of Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The South Carolina Code, So As To Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred By A Company Known To The County As Project Beacon XI, Its Affiliates And Related Entities, To Qualify As Expenditures Eligible For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Taxes Arrangement With Florence County, South Carolina; Providing For Other Related Economic Development Incentives, Including Special Source Revenue Credits; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

The Chairman stated that if there were no objections from Council, there was one addition to the Agenda. He asked the Clerk to publish in its entirety A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For Sheriff William K. Boone In Honor Of His Meritorious Achievements. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford presented Sheriff Boone with the framed Resolution. Sheriff Boone expressed his appreciation and stated that he received a lot of credit but that he had an excellent staff and they deserved the credit.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Dianne Dillinger, on behalf of her sister, spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 03-2015/16. There being no additional signatures on the sign-in sheets, the Chairman closed the public hearings.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

There were no Ordinances for third reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2014/15 – SECOND READING DEFERRED

The Chairman stated Council was asked to defer second reading of Ordinance No. 38-2014/15: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Inclusive Of All Unzoned Properties In Council Districts Five And Six Bounded By Freedom Boulevard, Jefferies Creek, Francis Marion Road, Wickerwood Road, Flowers Road, Pamplico Highway, South Vance Drive, Furches Avenue, And The Westernmost Boundary Of Council District Six That Connects Furches Avenue And Freedom Boulevard, Florence, SC From Unzoned To The Following Zoning Designations Of RU-1, Rural Community District, B-1, Limited Business District, B-2, Convenience Business District And B-3, General Commercial District; Consistent With The Land Use Element And Map Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2015/16 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 03-2015/16: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 114 Steele Avenue, Pamplico, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 60008, Block 01, Parcel 004, From Rural Preservation To Commercial Growth And Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council deny second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2015/16 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of ordinance No. 04-2015/16: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By South Carolina Home Mission Board Located At 114 Steele Avenue, Pamplico, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 60008, Block 01, Parcel 004; Consisting Of Approximately 0.823 Acres From R-2, Single-Family Residential District, To B-3, General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council deny second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2015/16 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 05-2015/16: An Ordinance To Amend The Text Of The ‘PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTING PLAN OR AMENDMENTS’ And ‘PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE’ Sections Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Administrative Procedures; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2015/16 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 06-2015/16: An Ordinance To Amend The Text To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-297, Administrative Procedures, Action (Planning Commission And Board Of Zoning Appeals); 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.

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the titles of the following Ordinances and the Chairman declared the Ordinances Introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2015/16 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) Hospitality Fee Refunding Revenue Bonds Of Florence County To Be Designated Series 2015 And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2015/16 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2015/16 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Twenty-Four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000) Accommodations Fee Revenue Bonds Of Florence County To Be Designated Series 2015 And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Mr. Smith stated that page 47 of the Agenda contained a scrivener's error to reflect the bond amount as \$22,000,000 but the fact sheet and Agenda containing the title of Ordinance No. 09-2015/16 were correct in stating \$24,000,000.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2015/16 – INTRODUCED

An Ordinance Establishing The Developing Communities Commission, Providing For Appointment Of The Members Of The Commission, Setting Forth The Duties Of The Commission, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2015/16 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant To Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina 1976, As Amended, The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And A Company Known To The County As Project Beacon XI, As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; And Other Related Matters.

Chairman Poston declared the Ordinances introduced, with Ordinance Nos. 07, 08, 09, and 11-2015/16 being introduced by title only.

Councilman Schofield stated he realized Council didn't typically comment on introduction of Ordinances, but there was a fairly detailed article in the Sunday edition of the Morning News regarding the bonded indebtedness of the County. The Morning News was conducting a poll online asking citizens if the County had too much, too little or enough debt. He stated of the debt listed, \$125 million was the Capital Project Sales Tax and in his opinion that was the best poll that could be taken. The public voted and decided what they wanted to do. The only recently occurring debt was the judicial center and it was voted on by Council in a public meeting. He stated that comparably, there was an article on the City's debt where the City borrowed \$100 million (he said he stood to be corrected on the amount) to build a sewer treatment plant and no referendum was held (to his knowledge) for that purpose. He was of the opinion that Council had acted very responsibly and would continue to do so in the future.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

GREATER LAKE CITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Councilman DeBerry made a motion that, Pursuant To The Request From The City Of Lake City, Council Appoint Councilman Springs To Serve On The Newly Established Greater Lake City Community Development Office Board Of Directors, Representing Council District 1. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SENIOR CENTER COMMISSION

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Rutha Frieson To Serve On The Senior Center Commission, Representing Council District 1, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

POLICY COMMISSION ON RECREATION

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Melissa Jarrell To Serve In The At-Large Seat On The Policy Commission On Recreation, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

CPST I & II UPDATE

County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. stated updates on the CPST I and II were provided to Council as well as a report on the most recent meeting of Department Heads.

ADMINISTRATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 04-15/16

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Award Bid No. 04-15/16 Resurfacing Project Package 4 For District 9 In The Amount Of \$689,614 To C. R. Jackson, Inc. Of Darlington, SC From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD RFP NO. 03-15/16

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Award RFP No. 03-15/16 For Construction Management-At Risk-Constructor Construction Services To BE&K Building Groups Of Greenville, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate A Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMS/PROCUREMENT

PURCHASE OF STRETCHERS

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Authorize The Purchase Of Eight (8) Stryker Power Pro XT Ambulance Stretcher Cots And Accessories And Execute An Exclusive 7-Year Service Agreement From Stryker EMS Equipment Of Portage, MI In The Total Amount Of \$129,267.61 As Funded And Approved In The FY15-16 Budget. *(The Price Includes Sales Tax And A \$15,000 Credit For The Trade-In Of Five (5) Current Power Pro Stretchers Over 6 Years Old.)*. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle stated this was an ‘eye popper.’ Each stretcher costs \$18,033.45. He asked EMS Director Ryon Watkins to comment. Mr. Watkins stated there were two major vendors for power ambulance stretchers/cots. The manual cots were replaced with power cots with the intent of reducing wear and tear on staff (backs, knees, shoulder injuries costing thousands of dollars in workers comp claims), as well as assisting with lifting patients and eliminating the need for additional staff to help lift heavier patients. He agreed the cots were very expensive but considered it more of an investment. In response to a question regarding warranty and service, Mr. Watkins responded that the service agreement was for seven (7) years.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Declare Various Computer Equipment As Surplus Property And Authorize Disposal By The Means Most Advantageous To The County. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

FLORENCE REGIONAL AIRPORT

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Declare VS327, A 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe, As Surplus Property And Donate To The Florence Regional Airport In Exchange For Hanger Space For The Florence County Sheriff’s Office And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate And Execute An Agreement With The Airport For The Space. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF PAMPLICO

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Declare Surplus And Authorize The Sale Of Vehicle #VS229, A 2009 Dodge Charger To The Town Of Pamplico In The Amount Of \$6,500. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

PURCHASE OF MOTORGRADER

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Use Of The National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Cooperative Purchasing Program To Procure One (1) 2015 Caterpillar Motorgrader Using NJPA Contract No. 060311-CAT From Blanchard Machinery Of Florence, SC In The Total Amount Of \$253,349 (Including Tax) From The FY2015-2016 Budgeted Funds. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Public Works Director Carlie Gregg responded to a question from Councilman Caudle that the APWA recommendation was replacement every 10 years, but the County had been extending the life of the equipment beyond that point. Councilman Caudle stated that, like the discussion on the EMS cots, was to bring awareness for the public that it was expensive to provide the services the County provided and the County had no real control over those costs.

PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Declare Four (4) Vehicles, Two (2) Trucks, One (1) Ambulance And One (1) Mower As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Declare Ten (10) Square D Transformers, Four (4) Sorgel Transformers, Eight (8) Federal Pacific Transformers, Eight (8) GE Transformers And Two (2) Unknown Brand Transformers As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from Councilman Schofield, Mr. Smith and Mr. Yokim stated these were working transformers that were replaced as part of the Energy Savings Contract with Pepco and the County was attempting to generate some revenue by placing the items on GovDeals.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$44,000 From Council Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 And 8 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$5,000 Each From Districts 1, 2 And 6, \$21,000 From District 5, And \$4,000 Each From Districts 4 And 8) To Assist Francis Marion University With A Capital Improvement Project. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion. Councilman Caudle made a motion to Amend The Motion To Add An Additional \$6,000 From Council District 5 To Bring The Total Up To \$50,000 (\$27,000 From District 5). Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Motion as Amended was approved unanimously.

TIMMONSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$2,400 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For Renovations To The Canteen Building At The Old Timmons ville High School Baseball Field. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

ARTHUR ROAD

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$60,000 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Paving A Portion Of Arthur Road (Rock/Asphalt Portion). Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

NORTH CHURCH STREET

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$34,980 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Milling And Resurfacing Of North Church Street, Pending SCDOT Encroachment Permit (S21-374). Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

JOHNSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROAD

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$36,575 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Fine Grading And Resurfacing With 2” Type C Surface For Public Roadway At Johnsonville Elementary School. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

BALDWIN ROAD

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$17,500 From Council District 5 Utility Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City With The Installation Of A 6” Water Line Complete With Fire Hydrant On Baldwin Road. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

N. MCDOUGAL ROAD

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,000 From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City With A Rural Water Project – Phase 2 To Provide Water Service To N. McDougal Road. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SAM LEE ROAD

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$16,650 From Council District 5 Utility Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Lake City With A Rural Water Project – Phase 2 To Provide An 800 Linear Feet Water Line Extension On Sam Lee Road. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DISTRICT 9 ALLOCATIONS

RESURFACING ROADS

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$305,000 From Council District 9 Funding Allocations (Infrastructure, RSMF, Then Utility) To Pay For Resurfacing Roads In Westbrook Subdivision (Muirfield Drive, Olympia Court, Prestwick Drive, Turnberry Place And Westbrook Drive) And Pike Place, Fox Turn Road And Roxboro Court. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Poston stated he had a couple of announcements he wanted to make:

- At 11 a.m. there would be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Veterans Affairs Administration Building, one of the projects approved by the voters through the Capital Project Sales Tax II.
- The next Council meeting would be held in Lake City at the Lake City Community Museum at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Springs added that the kickoff for the South Carolina Tobacco Festival would be held following the Council meeting in Lake City.

COUNCILMAN SCHOFIELD

Councilman Schofield requested that a meeting be scheduled for the City and County prior to the September 17th meeting to discuss the proposed bond issuance for the Civic Center to ensure an understanding between the City and County regarding the matter.

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, To Discuss A Personnel Matter. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:42 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:17 a.m.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:17 A.M.