

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 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  
Mitchell Kirby, Secretary-Chaplain  
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  
FitzLee McEachin, County Attorney  
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director  
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director  
Kristy Hughes, Senior Coordinator, Emergency Management  
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director  
Jack Newsome, Tax Assessor  
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director  
Sam Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator  
Dale Rauch, Facilities  
Alan Smith, Library Director  
Captain John Crouse, Florence County Sheriff's Office  
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director  
Randy Godbold, VA Officer  
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter  
Amy Lipman, WMBF Reporter  
Nickolas Ammons, Intern

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the July 15, 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](http://www.florenceco.org)).

Chairman Poston called the meeting to order. Secretary/Chaplain Kirby 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 Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The June 18, 2015 Regular Meeting And The June 25, 2015 Special Called Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There Were No Public Hearings Required Or Scheduled.

### **APPEARANCES:**

There Were No Appearances Requested.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **PUBLIC SERVICES & COUNTY PLANNING**

Committee Chairman Dorriety stated the Committee met on July 9, 2015 to discuss zoning issues. It was the consensus of the Committee members present that staff present the issues to the Planning Commission to make a recommendation.

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

Committee Chairman Mumford expressed appreciation on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, Environmental Services, Public Works and commended community groups that took the initiative to clean up the various communities.

#### **EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE**

Committee Chairman Caudle stated baseball experienced great success in the number of participants this year and the Miracle League did very well. He encouraged folks to visit the Lynches River County Park and enjoy the amenities available there.

### **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 01-2015/16**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 01-2015/16: A Resolution To Approve Renewal Of A Memorandum Of Understanding/Mutual Aid Between Facilities With The Beaufort County Detention Center Requested By The Florence County Sheriff's Office And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 35-2014/15 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 35-2014/15: An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Three Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$3,560,000) General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Florence County Fire Protection District), To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **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.

### **ORDINANCES INTRODUCED**

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 03-2015/16 – INTRODUCED**

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. 04-2015/16 – INTRODUCED**

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.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 05-2015/16 – INTRODUCED**

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 – INTRODUCED**

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.

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

### **MUSEUM BOARD**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of Ben Zeigler To Serve On The Florence County Museum Board, Representing Council District 5, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council unanimously Approved The Recommendation Of The Florence Museum Corporation For The Re-Appointments Of Becky Crawford And Jumana Swindler To Serve On The Florence County Museum Board, Representing The Corporation, With Appropriate Expiration Terms.

### **SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of LeVance McIver To Serve On The Senior Citizens Commission, Representing Council District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Richie McCutcheon To Serve On The Economic Development Partnership Board, Representing Council District 1, 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. provided a brief update on the status of the Capital Project Sales Tax projects I and II.

#### **H.R. 2775**

Mr. Smith stated he also wanted to bring to Council's attention a Bill that was currently before the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress titled 'Remote Transaction Parity Act 2015' dealing with internet sales tax.

## **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2015 Through May 31, 2015 As An Item For The Record.

## **ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – GIBBS CENTER**

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Approve A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Between Florence County And Gibbs Procurement Group D/B/A Gibbs Center For The Operation Of A Facility In Pamplico For Use By Senior Citizens And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute Said MOU. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – SCA**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Between Florence County And The Senior Citizens Association In Florence County For The Operation Of A Facility In Timmonsville For Use By Senior Citizens And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute Said MOU. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **FINANCE/PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD BID NO. 02-15/16**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Award Bid No. 02-15/16 For The Upgrade To The Current HVAC System At The County Complex To Cayce Company, Inc. Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$56,887 From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **LIBRARY/PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD BID NO. 27-14/15**

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Award Bid No. 27-14/15 For The HVAC Service Agreement For The Florence And Lake City Libraries To Cayce Company, Inc. Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$43,275 From The FY16 Library Operating Budget. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PARKS & RECREATION/PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD BID NO. 32-14/15**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Award Bid No. 32-14/15 For The Coward Ball Fields To Chipley Company, Inc. Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$160,807.75 From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD BID NO. 08-14/15**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Authorize The Award Of Bid No. 08-14/15 For The Construction Of The Veterans Affairs Building To North Lake Construction Co., Inc., Lexington, SC In The Amount Of \$1,442,000 (Base Bid Of \$1,380,000 Plus Alternate 1 Of \$62,000) To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds And Contingent Upon Council Approval Of Additional Funding From General Fund Fund Balance And Council Districts' Funding Allocations. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **AWARD BID NO. 29-14/15**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Authorize The Award Of Bid No. 29-14/15 For Improvements To The Greenwood Convenience Center To Chipley Company, Inc., Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$446,302.50 To Be Funded From Landfill Fund Balance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve A Change Order To An Existing Contract With CR Jackson, Inc., Columbia, SC To Remove Three (3) Resurfacing Projects That Were Recently Resurfaced By SCDOT And Add Seven (7) Additional Resurfacing Road Projects As Part Of The Capital Project Sales Tax II In The Net Amount Of \$187,962.50. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Declare Three (3) Vehicles As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare Ten (10) Bunker Jackets And Ten (10) Helmets As Surplus Property From Florence County EMS Department And Authorize Donation To The West Florence Fire Department. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/PROCUREMENT**

### **CAD SYSTEM PURCHASE**

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Authorize The Purchase Of A Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System From ARC Services Staffing Solutions Of Austin, TX In The Amount Of \$554,870.52 (\$513,769.00 Plus \$41,101.52 Tax) For The Florence County Emergency Management Department From E911 Funds. This Amount Includes One Year Of Support In The Amount Of \$68,103.00 That Is To Be Renewed On An Annual Basis. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PARKS & RECREATION/PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD BID NO. 34-14/15**

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Award Bid No. 34-14/15 For The Johnsonville Ball Fields To Brock's Grading & Land Clearing Of Hartsville, SC In The Amount Of \$644,410.94 From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S OFFICE**

### **SALARY INCREASE**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Authorize An Increase In Salary For A Customer Service Representative I (Slot #018) In The Treasurer's Office To Be Funded From FY16 Budgeted Funds. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS**

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Smith stated he received numerous calls commending the work currently being done by the Florence County Public Works Department on the various projects around the County, particularly the new Howe Springs fire station project. Also, at a recent fire at East Coast Erosion the Public Works staff was instrumental in assisting the company in salvaging a portion of its product.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **VETERANS BUILDING**

#### **NEW VETERANS AFFAIRS BUILDING**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Use Of General Fund Fund Balance In The Amount Of \$220,000 And The Expenditure Of Up To \$150,000 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (\$100,000 From Council District 8 And Approximately \$6,250 From Each Of The Remaining 8 Districts) To Assist With Funding The Construction Cost Of The New Veterans Affairs Building. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

### **W. ANSLEY STREET**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$56,600 From Council District 8 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Variable Milling 6" Full Depth Patching With 1 ½" Surface Type C For W. Ansley Street From S. Damon Drive To Dexter Drive And Approve A Change Order To An Existing Contract With CR Jackson, Inc., Columbia, SC. To Include W. Ansley Street In The List. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **UTILITY**

### **JOHNSONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Reallocation Of Funding Previously Approved For The Johnsonville Fire Department For An Expenditure Of Up To \$7,700 For 1,075 Feet Of 2" Piping For A Natural Gas Connection And The Installation Of Skylights And Work On The Gutter System Around Station 3 For The Johnsonville Fire Department (Original Request Was For The Extension Of Water Lines And Associated Equipment That Is No Longer Necessary Due To Change In Site Selection). Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PEE DEE COALITION**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$4,388 From Council District 8 Utility Funding Allocation For Building Improvements And Repairs, Equipment Purchases, And Security Upgrades For The Pee Dee Coalition. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **SCRANTON AND OLANTA BALL FIELDS**

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$6,000 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist With Lighting Updates At The Scranton And Olanta Ball Fields. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

## **COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:24 A.M.**