

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 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  
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member  
James T. Schofield, Council Member  
Roger M. Poston, Council Member  
Thomas B. Robinson, County Administrator  
Fitz Lee McEachin, County Attorney  
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director  
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director  
Andrew Stout, Museum Director  
Robert Franks, IT 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 July 18, 2012 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 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 he wanted to recognize and congratulate McCall Farms for its continued investment in Florence County. McCall Farms completed a \$10.6 million expansion and added over 300 jobs, bringing its current number of employees to over 850.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The June 21, 2012 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The June 28, 2012 Special Called Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

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

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 33-2011/12**

An Ordinance To Provide For A Barricade Of Salem Road At Or Near Its Intersection With The Darlington County, South Carolina Boundary Line With Florence County, South Carolina And To Further Provide For The Appropriate Signage And Structure(s) To Be Installed; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **APPEARANCES:**

There were no appearances requested or scheduled.

### **CHAIRMAN SMITH:**

Chairman Smith stated he wanted to make a few comments:

- 1) He reminded everyone of the Grand Opening of the Pamplico EMS on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
- 2) There were several ball teams in the area to be commended for a successful year: Delmae was already on its way to the World Series and two additional teams were still competing – Johnsonville and Greenwood.
- 3) The Chairman asked the County Administrator to address the Dictaphone System. The Dictaphone System had been down for about a month and needed to be repaired or replaced as soon as possible.

### **COMMENTS BY COUNCIL – RE: NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

There was an article in the newspaper that Councilmen Anderson and Schofield requested to address.

Councilman Anderson stated, “I would just like to reiterate what I said at the last meeting about Mr. Lowe and I feel like ... that a man ought to have to serve on County Council before he can be elected to go to Columbia to represent the people of Florence County. Obviously Mr. Lowe does not have a clue about how the County conducts business and if you don’t believe what I’m saying just look in the paper this morning. What he told is a bald faced lie. He said only one person voted against that tax increase. I don’t know

where he got his information, but there was more than one, Mitchell Kirby did NOT vote for that tax increase. Mr. Lowe needs to get his facts straight, he needs to do his homework and I think it would be very beneficial if he could have to attend County Council meetings in the future. He's playing a song that does not have a tune and the words that he's singing don't match the music. Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

Councilman Schofield made the following comments: "Mr. Chairman, before I address Mr. Lowe's issue and the tax increase, I just want to inform Council, I know most of you know but I want to be sure the public understands. The Supreme Court issued an order on July 12, 2012 in the matter of James David Peterson as receiver for Pee Dee Land Company, LLC, Waverly Woods versus the Florence County Treasurer Dean Fowler and the Auditor. The Treasurer and the Auditor had asked for the Supreme Court to have a re-hearing in the matter in which they denied what the Treasurer and Auditor were asking them to do. In the Order on the 12<sup>th</sup>, the Petition is denied. So, unless, my understanding of the law, unless the Treasurer and the Auditor decide to take it to the United States Supreme Court, that ends that matter and, hopefully, the people will be able to pay their taxes so the County and the School District and everybody else will have the availability of the funds." Chairman Smith stated the Treasurer and Auditor had already cost the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees for this frivolous suit. Councilman Schofield stated it would be up to the Auditor first to issue the tax notice as ordered by the court. Then it would be up to the Treasurer to decide if he would accept the payment. Councilman Anderson asked where the money came from to file the suit. Councilman Schofield stated he was unsure, but the County had filed a motion asking the cost to be taxed against the Treasurer and the Auditor. Councilman Anderson asked if it was legal for him to spend taxpayer's money to sue the County. Chairman Smith stated in a separate case, the Judge found that he broke State law, County law and the State Constitution by doing that in another case.

Councilman Schofield stated that an article was published in the Morning News that morning, "*Florence Council shouldn't have raised your taxes*", a letter by State Representative Phillip Lowe. He stated he wanted to make a few comments on the letter, but before he did, he wanted to make some comments and give some facts to people so the people could really understand what went on in County government and what Council deals with and anyone that wanted to check the facts, he would be glad to provide copies of the documentation. He explained to the public that Mr. Lowe sent a request for some information from 1999 to the year 2011 or 2012 asking how many employees and what the general government budget looked like and Councilman Schofield wanted to provide some other facts for that time period. In 1999 fuel for the County government of Florence was \$394,000. In the 2012/13 budget its \$1,441,000; that's how much gasoline and diesel fuel has gone up. In 1999 electricity in the budget was \$424,000; this year its \$1.3 million. Health insurance was \$1.477 million; this year its \$4.4 million. In 1999 the State of South Carolina leased Lynches River State Park to the County of Florence and in 2002 they deeded it to Florence County. The first year it appeared in the budget was in 2001, with a budget of \$165,000. That was a State service provided by the State of South Carolina so that Florence County could have a State Park, but somehow Florence County didn't deserve to have a State Park anymore ... the County now provides the service the

State used to provide. Regarding magistrates, in 1999/2000 Florence County had eight total magistrates, now it has 11. According to the new paper just received, that was 2.5 positions more than what the State law requires. In 2003, State law was changed and mandated that the County start doing official building inspections; the City had been doing that for a long time, but the County hadn't so new people had to be added to do building inspections. The Sheriff's office call volume for 2000 was 46,494 and in 2011 it was 62,653; almost a 50% increase. The EMS call volume for 2000 was 13,303 and in 2011 it was 18,433; another almost 50% increase. In 2000, the County had 7 ambulances staffed every day and, even though the call volume has increased, the number of ambulances has not. According to information received from the South Carolina Association of Counties, the per capita expenditures for Florence County were \$688, in Sumter County - \$1,462, in Georgetown County - \$1,402. Per capita revenue, Florence County \$671, Sumter \$1,327, Georgetown \$1,301. Per capita general fund budget, Florence County \$352, Sumter \$362. Per capita debt, Florence County \$104, 21<sup>st</sup> of all counties at \$14 million, Sumter \$196 per capita - 15<sup>th</sup>. Full-time employees 5.38, Sumter 5.15, Georgetown 9.64. Total County expenditures Florence is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> out of 46, Beaufort ranked at 4, Sumter at 6, Spartanburg at 7, York at 8, Anderson at 11, Aiken (similar to Florence County) 12, Orangeburg 13. Not hardly the figures that tell you that Florence County was running amuck in South Carolina as county governments go. In regard to number of employees increasing, Clerk of Court's office went from 35 to 39, the Public Defender from 8 to 11, the Magistrates from 36 to 40. County Council can't control those State mandated departments. Planning and Building Department totals dropped from 37 to 33. Facilities Management dropped from 7 to 6. Information Technology went from 2 to 9, but the State mandated the provision of Case Management System in the courts, requiring additional computers, which require maintenance, etc. The Sheriff's department in ten years added five people. Emergency Preparedness/Management went from 35 to 43; post 9-1-1 Federal mandates affected this County. Emergency Medical Services in ten years went from 51 to 55. Recreation from 5 to 15; the offering of recreational activities to area youth serves a vital function to involve youth in positive activities as opposed to violence, gangs, etc. The Library, according to statistics which were misleading, went from 37 to 71. Florence County has a library system that is second to none in the southeast region. The Library system took over something the State government wasn't doing a very good job with; assisting people in finding jobs. The State provided two locations for job search; the Florence One Stop Workforce Centers and they were equipped with 30 computers, limited hours, limited staff and high demand. The Florence County Library system, thanks to the generosity of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation has new facilities, six locations, 200 computers, open and extended hours, professional staff, 600,000 visits annually. The Library system now works to assist individuals in building resumes and finding a job.

Councilman Schofield provided the following tax comparisons on a \$125,000 home located inside the City of Florence. School operating in 1999 was 97.2 mills; today it is 177.5. Debt service was 14 mills and today it is 30. The County's millage was 64.5 and today it is 76.9, a very modest increase. Today, after accounting for the Local Option Sales Tax, County property taxes on a \$125,000 house costs \$176 a year for all the services the County provides. When you call for a Sheriff in the County or an ambulance,

whether you experience a death in the family and need Probate Court or involved in a law suit and need the other courts, or you go to the Library or Recreation or any other service the County provides, it costs you \$176 per year or less than 50 cents per day. That's a pretty good track record for the County.

He stated he wanted to specifically address the article in the paper, which upset him greatly. "I deal with facts and figures and that is the only way I deal. He [Lowe] says that *'Florence Council shouldn't have raised your taxes.'* Okay, we should have just continued to gut essential public services while you, Mr. Lowe, had done nothing to change State law, which would allow the Council to do a better job of managing this budget by removing the prohibition against line item cuts within budgets of other elected officials. I guess you could continue to support that over 60% of our budget this Council has no control over, because of State law. I guess you support that we spend more on magistrates than the Treasurer's office, Delinquent Tax office and the Solicitor's office combined, but because of State law we can't do anything about it. You say in your article, *'Unfortunately, changes in census data and the poor economy caused forced the legislature to cut county assistance.'* So he's telling us that it's unfortunate that he had to cut the assistance. He goes on to say that, *'Since the beginning of the LGF, Medicaid costs have tripled! ... The legislature must fully fund this entitlement before we can consider of any other needs. Medicaid funding does not compete with other agencies, it trumps all other budgets.'* I'm glad he told me that cause I did not know that they were dealing with that in Columbia. He tells us that *'Our local government receives a greater portion of the general fund than originally promised when adjusted for Medicaid growth.'* Well I'm not interested in adjusting it for Medicaid growth. It takes a certain amount of dollars to pay for the court, the Clerk of Court and the Sheriff's office and the Probate Court and Social Services and everything else they want us to provide. All that sounds like a State problem to me. In other words, the State of South Carolina, if changes in census data and a poor economy cause Medicaid to consume the whole general government budget of the State, I guess they just shut the State down; we wouldn't have SLED or Highway Patrol. What he's really saying to you is, our cost to providing required services has increased, and, yes, there are unfunded mandates from Federal government but they are going to make up the shortfall by not providing what the law calls for in funding for State mandated services in local government. In other words, we are not going to raise taxes at the State level to cover the increased cost for Medicaid. We are going to let the local governments do that. Now that's what I call a real conservative philosophical approach in government. He says that *'This year the legislature increased funds to Florence County by \$700,000.'* What he doesn't tell you is for the last 3 years the legislature has underfunded what the State requires them to fund by \$7 million, to pay for courts, magistrates and other State services. In this year they are still underfunding it by \$2 million. He states that they increased it by \$700,000 like he fully supported that. The original request from the Senate was for a \$40 million increase in LGF funding for all the counties. The House tried to push for \$10 million, which was 25% of what the Senate was trying to do, and that's not even full funding. Thanks to Senator Leatherman's efforts we managed to get \$30 million in increase for the LGF, which resulted in the \$700,000. If the House version had passed, we would have gotten a little over \$200,000, so don't be so fast to take credit for the \$700,000, Mr. Lowe. If the Senate had not

insisted, this Council would have had to raise another 2 mills because of the shortfall. He says that *'The Florence County budget directly benefits from Medicaid. ... Medicaid is an important source of payment and sustains many health care jobs. The local property and sales tax collected from the employees in health care directly support the county budget.'* That is spoken by a true Tea Party Conservative, extolling the virtues of entitlements that we need more things like Medicaid passed down from Washington, which caused draconian cuts in SLED and the Highway Patrol at the State level. And, by the way, your Sheriff's Department had to make up the slack when they cut all those SLED agents out. He says, *'Have your property taxes declined during the recession? Of course not and nor has the county budget.'* Have your property taxes increased during the last five years? No they have not because we have cut the budget, laid off people, demoted people, strived for reduction of costs with innovative approaches and targeted spending, such as changing the HVAC equipment at the jail, which are yielding significant reduction in costs. But that can only go on so long and you can only replace capital equipment at half what you should be for only so long. When the State of South Carolina has an additional \$200 million in revenue over what their budget was set on, and you decide to use that for a tax decrease for a certain group of individuals in this State, instead of funding what you already committed to, I think that's wrong. Mr. Lowe says *'From 2006 to 2008 the Florence County budget increased by 56% from 32 to 51 million.'* Mr. Lowe, you were given some facts, you asked the Finance office to give you some facts, and they didn't give you facts from 2006, so I don't know where you got that figure from, they gave you facts from 1999/2000, which is what you asked for, and 2012/13. So wherever you got your facts for from '06, you either need to learn how to read a financial statement or not deliberately mislead the public. I have copies of the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance from our auditors for the year ending '06 and 2009. In 2006 revenue was \$46.231 million and in 2009 it was \$51.230 million or an 11% increase in four years, not 56%. In 2006 the auditors broke out jail debt service and operation and maintenance, where in today's budget they don't do that. So, when you look at the budget you have to compare apples to apples and realize what you are looking at in the budget. Since 2000, the number of full-time State employees was reduced by 23% while Florence County increased by 17%. Again, that is a little bit of a misstatement because some of that is part-time. And yet we still have over 1,500 State employees in Florence County alone. If you take the total number of State employees and divide it by 46 counties there are 1,500 people working in Florence County for the State of South Carolina. That astounds me. We know that most of them are in Columbia. I am sure Mr. Lowe that you haven't adjusted your figure by how many the State is hiring this year, because, thankfully, you are hiring a lot more SLED agents and highway patrolmen and other people that need to be put back on to provide necessary State services. Our number of employees increased mainly because of an improved library system which has helped our citizens look for jobs, since the State has severely restricted its efforts in that regard and also because of State mandated programs such as storm water regulations that we had to hire new people for, magistrates, IT for the State mandated computer system. He says that *'Unfunded mandates are bad policy at any level of government.'* Well he is absolutely correct; its bad when it comes from the Federal government and its equally bad when it comes to the County government from the State. And when the House of Representatives, who some members right now want to completely de-fund the Local

Government Fund, which is going to have a significant effect on members of the citizens of our County. Unfunded mandates are bad policy; oh really, Mr. Lowe? Well if they are, then why do you still insist as you do in this article that the State is correct in not funding what, by law, they are mandated to fund? Oh, I see, because the Federal government gives you an unfunded mandate Medicaid, then it's okay for the State to give the County's an unfunded mandate? He says that *'County Council is upset the Republicans in the State House insisted on a tax break for small businesses instead of giving local government more money.'* The small tax break, that only affects LLCs, and my understanding (I may be wrong), and single proprietorships, that are in fact C Corporations? A reduction of the tax rate from 5% to 3%? That doesn't sound like a small decrease in taxes to me, 5% to 3% is a pretty big reduction. Should we really be giving tax breaks ahead of funding for magistrates, law enforcement, and essential public services? Mr. Lowe, I sympathize with the problem the State had because of Federal government mandates. I can even understand the State government saying to people that because of Federal mandates that are growing beyond our ability to fund, we are going to not fund State mandated service functions at the local government any more and that your local governments are going to have to make some hard choices about how to fund them, but to have the arrogance to criticize local government and state that we are the ones causing the problem, misleading the public that we are increasing government size, instead of being honest about the fact that the only problem we have in our budget is the reduction in State required revenue to fund State required programs. It's not because of growth in County government. That without even meeting with us and taking a look at services that we are required to provide and the ever increasing costs that I have pointed out that we are facing, friends that is the epitome of audacity. I know that Mr. Lowe has talked about coming up here and ask about that, but I see that he chose to send a letter to the editor instead. I believe in his post he said something about he wasn't sure he could keep his cool with the Anderson's and Schofield's, so I guess he is talking about you, Dr. Anderson, and me. Mr. Lowe you are more than welcome to come up here and speak and I'll vote for you to speak any time you want to come. And I'm sure that you will be treated with the dignity that you deserve as an elected member of the House of Representatives and I can assure you I'll have no problem keeping my cool talking to you and asking questions of you and providing answers to your questions. You see Mr. Lowe, I'm just up here trying to provide good constituent service to our citizens. I refuse to hide behind partisans rhetoric and posture and look at the facts before me and make decisions, provide services to the citizens of Florence County and just because the State of South Carolina doesn't fund what it has obligated itself to do so, so that it can give tax breaks, that doesn't mean that I'm going to put peoples' life at risk because of inferior law enforcement and EMS services. I am more than happy to debate you in an open and public meeting about how this County government has been run and the reason why certain decisions are made. Mr. Chairman I would ask that we contact Representative Lowe and invite him to speak at our next Council meeting. Maybe if he comes to a Council meeting or sits in a meeting with us and we both work together and try to solve some of these problems, if he understands where the rubber meets the road, that we sit here providing direct public services every day to the people of this County, we don't sit in the ivory towers in Columbia with guards at the doors. We are here where the rubber meets the road, Mr. Lowe. Whether that ambulance rolls to you in time, where it should,

is our responsibility and this Council is not going to shirk on that responsibility. If we have to raise taxes because the State of South Carolina is not funding the Local Government Fund to pay for services they mandate us to provide, well then it looks like we are going to do that. That's where it is and any of the public that wants to meet with me and understand why someone like me would vote for a millage increase, its cause quite frankly, my back's against the wall because I refuse to continue to gut essential public services."

Councilman Kirby commended Councilmen Anderson and Schofield for their comments. He stated, "what the public doesn't realize that this body right here has been facing something the last four years that we have struggled over. Our hands are tied; we have become a collection agency for the State of South Carolina. They won't raise the taxes but they'll send it down to us to raise the taxes and that's not our job ... to do the work of State government. For example, right now we got on the Agenda a \$20,000 request to pay for jury trials for the Magistrates Office. That seems like a little bit but that adds up every time we have to do something like that that is not funded by the State but they tell us ya'll got to do. As far as me voting for the tax increase, I did not vote for the tax increase, just for this reason. It just riles me up that we've become nothing but a tax collection for the State."

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST – RE: RECENT COURT RULING**

The Chairman stated there was a recent ruling by the Supreme Court in reference to Travelocity and Expedia type companies and some of the other larger counties had already received funding where taxes were not paid. He requested the Finance Director conduct an audit based on accommodations tax for the previous ten years (up to 2010) to determine if facility fees and service charges were collected and if it was economically feasible for the County to address this. The Aggregator was responsible and not the local hotels. It was his understanding that Horry County received over a \$1 million from unpaid taxes.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no Committee reports.

#### **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

##### **RESOLUTION NO. 01-2012/13**

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 01-2012/13: A Resolution Authorizing Submission Of An Application To The South Carolina Department Of Commerce Coordinating Council Economic Development Set-Aside Grant (SA) Program For Cost Associated With Site Work For The W. Lee Flowers And Company, Inc. Warehouse Expansion. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.



### **RESOLUTION NO. 02-2012/13**

The Chairman published the title of Resolution No. 02-2012/13: A Resolution To Rename Range Way, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00120, Block 01, Parcels 001, 052, 053, 058, 059, 062, 063, 065, 073, 080-082, 086, 088-90, 092, 093 To Otis Way; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 21-2011/12 – THIRD READING DEFERRED**

The Chairman stated third reading of Ordinance No. 21-2011/12 would be deferred: 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. 28-2011/12 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 28-2011/12: An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollar (\$925,000) General Obligation Refunding And Improvement Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Johnsonville Rural Fire District), To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bond, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Poston made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 29-2011/12 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 29-2011/12: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Infrastructure Credit Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And W. Lee Flowers and Company, Inc., And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 30-2011/12 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 30-2011/12: An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Williamsburg County, Such Industrial And Business Park To Include Property Initially Located In Florence County And Established Pursuant To Sec. 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, To Provide For A Written Agreement With Williamsburg County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of *Ad Valorem* Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2011/12 – SECOND READING DEFERRED**

The Chairman stated second reading of Ordinance No. 27-2011/12 would be deferred: An Ordinance To Zone Property Located On Pisgah Road, Enterprise Drive, Florence Park Drive, Mechanicsville Road, Prosperity Way, Range Way, Success Way And Cecil Road, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00120, Block 01, Parcels 001-003, 022, 025, 034, 039-040, 052, 058-059, 061-063, 065, 073, 075, 077-082, 085-086, 088-090, 092-093; Florence County Tax Map No. 00145, Block 01, Parcels 076-077, 085-089, 093, 095, 100, 103-104; Consisting Of 773.14 Acres To B-6, Industrial District, Consistent With The Land Use Element And Map Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 31-2011/12 – SECOND READING DEFERRED**

The Chairman stated second reading of Ordinance No. 31-2011/12 would be deferred: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Wood, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 32-2011/12 – SECOND READING DEFERRED**

The Chairman stated second reading of Ordinance No. 32-2011/12 would be deferred: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Inclusive Of All Unzoned Properties In Council District Three East Of I-95 To R-3A; Consistent With The Land Use Element And Map Of The Florence County Comprehensive Plan; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheet, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing. (The sign-in sheet is attached and incorporated by reference.)

### **ORDINANCE NO. 33-2011/12 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 33-2011/12: An Ordinance To Provide For A Barricade Of Salem Road At Or Near Its Intersection With The Darlington County, South Carolina Boundary Line With Florence County, South Carolina And To Further Provide For The Appropriate Signage And Structure(s) To Be Installed; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 02-2012/13 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 02-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Sign Regulations; Section 30-202, Signs On Private Property; Table VII, Regulations Of Signs By Type, Characteristics And Zoning Districts, And Section 30-207, Development Standards; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 03-2012/13 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 03-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Properties In Florence County Located In The City Of Johnsonville On S. Georgetown Highway, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Numbers 00433-05-002, 00433-05-003, 00433-05-004, 00433-05-176, 5007-04-011 And 50007-06-001 From Transitional Growth And Preservation To Public Facility And On Jasmine Street, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 00440-05-093 From Rural Preservation To Suburban Development; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 04-2012/13 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 04-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties Owned By Property Owners As Shown On Attachment “A” Located At 12, 137, 259, 269 And 309 South Georgetown Highway And 171 Jasmine Street, Johnsonville As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00433, Block 05, Parcels 002-004, 176 And Florence County Tax Map No. 50007, Block 04, Parcel 011 And Block 06, Parcel 001; Florence County Tax Map No. 00440, Block 05, Parcel 093; Consisting Of Approximately 6.24 Acres From Unzoned And R-3, Single-Family Residential District To R-3A, Single-Family Residential District; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 05-2012/13 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 05-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By William C.B. Eaddy Located Off Of Laron Street, Scranton As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00194, Block 31, Parcel 128; Consisting Of Approximately 8.51 Acres From R-5, Residential Multi-Family District And Unzoned To PD, Planned Development District; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 06-2012/13 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 06-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Section 30-267, Certificates Of Zoning Compliance And Section 30-268, Repair Permits; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 07-2012/13 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 07-2012/13 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Declare As Surplus Real Property Owned By Florence County Located At 132 East Main Street, Pamplico, South Carolina And Designated As Tax Map Number 60006-03-014; And To Authorize The Conveyance Thereof To The Town Of Pamplico; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Jeffrey Tanner To Serve On The Planning Commission, Representing District 2, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

### **CITY-COUNTY CIVIC CENTER**

Council Unanimously Approved The Following Individuals To Serve On The City-County Civic Center Commission, With Appropriate Expiration Terms: Osmona Cooper, Seat 3 and Mary Dittman, Seat 5.

### **CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS**

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Harry Driggers, Representing District 4, To Serve On The Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

## **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### **ACCEPT GRANT AWARD**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Accept A Grant Award In The Amount Of \$2,500,000 From The Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation For The Design And Development Of A Park In The City Of Lake City. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **PROCUREMENT**

#### **DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Declare A 2005 Ford Mustang, V#0789, As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **CITY OF FLORENCE – MAPLE PARK**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$20,000 From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The City Of Florence With Construction Of New Green Space With Amenities And Replacing The Existing Playground Equipment At Maple Park. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **GREENWOOD ATHLETIC PARK**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,000 From Council District 6 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Expand The Storage Building At Greenwood Athletic Park. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

#### **ALVIN KIRBY ROAD**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of \$3,118 From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For MBC Stone For 150 Feet On Alvin Kirby Road At The Intersection Of Country Lane. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **BLACK STREET, CARTERSVILLE**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$27,061.80 From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocation To Lay 24” Metal Pipe And Construct Catch Basins On Southeast Side Of Black Street In Cartersville; Piping Existing Ditch On Southeast To Allow Road To Be Widened Within The Prescriptive Right-Of-Way, Contingent Upon Signed Agreements Of Understanding With All Property Owners; Project Does Not Include Any Improvement On SCDOT Right-Of-Way At Intersection Of Lynches River Road And Black Street. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **PIERGAN LANE**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,564 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For MBC Stone For Piergan Lane. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **UTILITY**

#### **CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE**

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,000 From Council District 2 Utility Funding Allocation For The Purchase Of One (1) Load Of Crushed Asphalt To Assist The City Of Johnsonville With Paving/Patching The Johnsonville Community Center Driveway. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**The following were Additions to the Agenda:**

**PROCUREMENT – RFQ #13-11/12**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve RFQ #13-11/12 Panel Recommendation For Landscape Architect Services Associated With The Lake City Park Project To Haden-Stanziale, PA, Charlotte, NC. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**MAGISTRATE JURY FEES**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Recommendation To Increase Magistrate Jury Fees By \$20,000 With Funding Coming From Operating Reserve Funds For FY2013. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**S. BOTANY DRIVE**

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$54,065 From Council District 9 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For The Resurfacing Of S. Botany Drive. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Culberson 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. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 9:54 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

Subsequent to Executive Session Council took the following action:

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE – NEW WORLD CONTRACT**

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Transfer \$53,500 From The County's General Operating Reserve Funds To The Florence County Sheriff's Office For The Purpose Of Funding One-Half Of The Contract Between The Sheriff's Office And New World Systems. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:33 A.M.**