

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2014, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ROOM 803, COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY STREET,
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

James T. Schofield, Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Vice Chairman
Mitchell Kirby, Secretary-Chaplain
Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
Roger M. Poston, Council Member
Kent C. Caudle, Council Member
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Council Member
Jason M. Springs, Council Member
K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, Jr., County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby
Katherine McCain, Sheriff's Office

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the January 15, 2014 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 Schofield called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Mumford provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Bradley led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Schofield welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

Chairman Schofield turned the gavel over to County Attorney Malloy McEachin to preside over the Election of Officers for 2014. Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Councilman Mumford made a motion to re-appoint/re-elect The Honorable James Schofield to serve as Chairman for 2014. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman for 2014. Councilman Bradley made a motion to elect The Honorable Waymon Mumford to serve as Vice Chairman for 2014. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Secretary-Chaplain for 2014. Councilman Springs made a motion to elect The Honorable Mitchell Kirby as Secretary-Chaplain for 2014. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mr. McEachin stated there would be a brief recess to reset the dais. Council recessed at 9:04 a.m.

Chairman Schofield reconvened the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Chairman Schofield stated, "I would like to thank all of you for your support over the last year. We started working for something that all of us truly believe in, and that is investing in the infrastructure of public safety in this County. Thanks to the citizens we were successful in that effort last year. I pledge to you my untiring effort to move this County forward. Our plate is full of projects to do and goals to achieve, which will treat all of our citizens fairly and improve the level of service we provide. With your help, we can communicate with our citizens the challenges (and they are many) and the opportunities (and they are also many) we face. We can answer their questions truthfully and forthright. We can tell them the good and the bad and we can be as efficient as possible spending their tax dollars to provide the services they need and want. We owe the public no less."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The December 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no Public Hearings required, published or held.

APPEARANCES:

DORIS LOCKHART – SAVANNAH GROVE COMMUNITY

Ms. Lockhart Yielded To Mr. Brown To Appear Before Council To Thank Council And Request That The Road Improvements Just Approved [Through The Capital Project Sales Tax] Be A Priority.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2013/14

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 23-2013/14: A Resolution To Adopt A Hazard Mitigation Plan As Required By The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2013/14 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 14-2013/14: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located On E. Smith Street, Timmons ville, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 00033, Block 04, Parcel 234, From Suburban Development To Commercial Growth And Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2013/14 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2013/14: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By SBM Of Wisconsin, LLC Located At E. Smith Street, Timmons ville, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00033, Block 04, Parcel 234; Consisting Of Approximately 1.56 (+/-) Acres From RU-1, Rural Community District To B-3, General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2013/14 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 16-2013/14: An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding One Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000) General Obligation Bonds Of Florence County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Thereof, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2013/14 – INTRODUCED

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2013/14 and the Chairman Declared the Ordinance Introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property On Behalf Of Jeff M. Anderson, Regarding The Estate Of Johnsie W. Moore, Located At W. Main Street, Lake City, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00167, Block 31, Parcel 054; Consisting Of Approximately 2.07 Acres From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To B-1, Limited Business District; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2013/14 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2013/14 and the Chairman Declared the Ordinance Introduced By Title Only: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Economic Development Partnership Ordinance To Provide For An Enlargement Of The Economic Development Partnership Membership And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Henry M. Swink To Serve On The Economic Development Partnership Board, Representing Council District 5, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

Councilman Caudle stated that he read the recent list of appointments and Council really needed to look at in maybe a worksession. There were several that appointments had been expired for years and if those were defunct they needed to be done away with but some needed to be looked at for the next meeting.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2014 Through November 30, 2013 As An Item For The Record.

FINANCE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 ANNUAL AUDIT

County Administrator Rusty Smith asked Finance Director Kevin Yokim to present information on the Annual Audit. Prior to presenting the information on the Audit, Mr. Yokim was asked to provide Council with information relative to the County Procurement Card program. Mr. Yokim stated that Council approved the entrance into the Statewide Program back in 2009. The program was set-up so that each cardholder had both daily and monthly limits. There was also a feature that the County had the ability to block certain vendors from using the card. The best coverage was that the program came with liability insurance of up to \$100,000 per cardholder. The insurance requires that employee must be terminated, but it covered the County in the event of misuse. The County had not experienced any misuse in the four years it had been active.

Shareholder Tim Grow with Elliott Davis auditing firm presented an overview of the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013 Audit. He stated that from their perspective, the audit went very well and commended staff for their cooperation and assistance in the completion of the annual audit. The County was in excellent shape as far as fund balance. Chairman Schofield thanked Mr. Yokim and Mr. Grow for the report and stated that Council could either report the item to the Administration & Finance Committee for further review or accept the audit as presented. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Accept The Audit As Presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

REVIEW PANEL APPOINTMENT

There being no objections voiced, Chairman Schofield Appointed Himself To Serve On The Review Panel For RFP #17-13/14 Architectural Services For The New Veterans Affairs Building.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 15-13/14

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Award Bid No. 15-13/14 For Fencing For The Lake City Manned Convenience Center To Frye Fence Co. Of Raleigh, NC In The Amount Of \$12,560 (Including Tax) From Previously Approved Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question by Councilman Caudle, Mr. Smith responded that three (3) of the thirteen (13) bids were from local vendors and even with the 2% local preference applied, the three bids were higher than the lowest bid.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Declare One (1) Handgun, A Glock 21SF, Serial Number PAU102, As Surplus Property For The Purpose Of Awarding It To The Mother Of Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Antwine, An Officer Who Was Killed In The Line Of Duty On November 29, 2013. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

BRIARCLIFF DRIVE

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$12,128 From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Drainage improvements At 1433 Briarcliff Drive. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CHISOLM TRAIL

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$20,125 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt To Re-Asphalt Chisolm Trail. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

HOLLY BROOK CIRCLE

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$59,587.50 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt To Re-Asphalt Holly Brook Circle. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

WREATHWOOD LANE

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,500 From Council District 6 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt To Re-Asphalt Wreathwood Lane. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY

OAK HEI LANE

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$1,000 From Council District 7 Utility Funding Allocation To Pay For Pothole Patching In Oak Hei Lane. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY

NATIONAL CEMETERY (LORETTA HUERTA PROPERTY)

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$19,800 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$2,200 From Each District) To Purchase Properties Adjacent To The Florence National Cemetery Identified On The Florence County Tax Assessor's Records As 90104-11-005 And 90104-12-005 Owned By Loretta Huerta To Expand The Cemetery (Council Approved Negotiations For The Purchase Of The Property At Its December 12, 2013 Regular Meeting). Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

NATIONAL CEMETERY (BILL SIMPSON PROPERTY)

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Negotiations For The Purchase Of The Herein Described Real Property And The Expenditure Of Up To \$65,000 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$7,223 From Each District) To Purchase Properties Adjacent To The Florence National Cemetery Identified On The Florence County Tax Assessor's Records As 90104-11-008 And 90104-08-013 Owned By Bill Simpson To Expand The Cemetery. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:36 A.M.