

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009, 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
J. Ken Ard, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
Mike Abbott, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Kevin Yokim, Finance Director
William H. Hoge, Planning Director
Robert Franks, IT Director
Josh Suggs, Webmaster
Ray McBride, Library Director
Sheriff Kenney Boone
Barbara Coker, Sheriff's Office
Chuck Tomlinson, Morning News Staff Writer

ABSENT:

Russell W. Culberson, Council Member
Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the March 4, 2009 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. Copies of the agenda were faxed to members of the media and posted in the lobby of the City-County Complex, the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library and on the County's website (www.florenceco.org).

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Secretary-Chaplain Anderson gave the invocation and Vice Chairman Mumford led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Smith welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the minutes of the February 19, 2009 regular meeting of County Council. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Chairman Smith opened the public hearing for Ordinance No. 20-2008/09 and the Clerk published the title: An Ordinance To Adopt A New Community Facilities Element For The Florence County/Municipal Comprehensive Plan In Accordance With The 1976 South Carolina Code Of Laws, As Amended, Title 6, Chapter 29, Section 510.

APPEARANCES:

JOHN CHASE, JR., CHAIRMAN – LEGISLATIVE DAY COMMITTEE

Mr. Chase Appeared Before Council To Brief Council On The Plans For The Annual Florence County Legislative Day Event And Recognize Council For Its Support.

Chairman Smith stated that, at the request of the individuals/groups requesting to appear, other appearances listed on the agenda would be deferred to later meetings.

RICK WALDEN, VETERAN AFFAIRS OFFICER

Mr. Walden Appeared Before Council To Request Funding For The Transportation Of Veterans To Appointments. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council allocate \$500 to the Veteran Affairs (VA) Office to provide for the transportation of veterans to appointments, subject to the VA Officer verifying a legitimate need by the veteran requesting assistance. Councilman Anderson seconded the Motion, which was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

No Resolutions were presented for consideration.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheet, Chairman Smith closed the public hearing for Ordinance No. 20-2008/09.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2008/09 – SECOND READING

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ORDINANCE NO. 21-2008/09 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2008/09: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Owned By Sylvia J. Ray, Sally R. Taylor, Elvin G. And Molly C. Price Located On E. McIver Road, Florence County To RU-1, Rural Community District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00175, Block 1, Parcels 26, 27, 39, And 124 Consisting Of 21.878 Acres. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2008/09 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2008/09: An Ordinance To Zone Properties Owned By Yvonne Jones Etal, Phillip R. Sandifer, Hilda And Latonya D. Jackson, Catherine E. Sandifer, Willow D. Sandifer Etal, Gloria Sandifer, Odell Spears, Gloria G. And June G. Sandifer, Robert Dukes, W. R. Sandifer, Sr., Phillip R. Sandifer, Sr., John W. And William H. Clarke, Jr., Sylvester L. And Lillie A. King, Kenneth W. Sallenger, Jr., Etal C/O J. W. Sallenger, Elizabeth T. Clarke, St. Jude Church Of Jesus Located On E. McIver Road And E. Old Marion Hwy, Quinby To R-1, Single-Family Residential District, RU-1, Rural Community District And B-3, General Commercial District Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00175, Block 1, Parcels 37, 40, 106, 107, 108 and Tax Map No. 00176, Block 1, Parcels 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 29, 32, 36, 37, 45, 46, And 52 Consisting Of 215.03 Acres. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

FLORENCE CITY/COUNTY CIVIC CENTER COMMISSION

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Carlos Dubose To Fill The Vacant Seat On The Florence City/County Civic Center Commission, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

FLORENCE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Jean Leatherman To The Florence Museum Board Representing Council District 2, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2009 Through January 31, 2009 As An Item For The Record.

RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve Records Retention Schedule Recommended By The South Carolina Department Of Archives And History To Retain Quarterly Withholding Tax Return (Federal and State) In The Finance Department For A Period Of Five (5) Years Before Destruction. Councilman Ard seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT

CONTRACT ADDENDUM

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Approve An Addendum To Existing Swanson Services Corporation Contract For The Cobra Banker Software Necessary To Interface With The New World System Being Implemented At The Florence County Detention Center To Account For Inmate Funds And Approval Of A Transaction Fee To Be Assessed To Depositors Of Inmate Funds In The Cobra Cashier. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS – ROME GRADER SLOPER

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Authorize Procurement Of A Rome Grader Sloper To Be Installed On An Existing Caterpillar Motor Grader At Public Works From Blanchard Machinery, The Exclusive Distributor In South Carolina, In The Amount Of \$39,200 To Be Funded From FY09 Public Works Budgeted Funds. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

IT – SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize The Purchase Of Two (2) Load Balancers In The Total Amount Of \$47,750 As A Sole Source From CentricsIT, Using IT Funds Included In The FY09 Budget. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RFP PANEL – EMS BILLING & COLLECTIONS

Chairman Smith appointed Councilman Ard to serve on the RFP Panel to review EMS Billing & Collections.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

TOWN OF PAMPLICO

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$5,000.00 To Provide Financial Assistance To The Town Of Pamplico For The Purchase Of A 1977 Ford Support Truck From West Florence Fire Department For The Pamplico Volunteer Fire Department. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF) FUND

RIVER BEND ROAD

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$500.00 For the Widening Of The Apron On River Bend Road; To Extend The Driveway 8 Feet In Both Directions, Backfill With Stabilized Sandclay And Straighten Edges With Asphalt, If Approved By The SCDOT. (Project Is Contingent On SCDOT Encroachment Permit.) Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following items were approved as additions to the agenda:

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF) FUND:

ROCKMORE STREET

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 3 RSMF Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$10,000.00 To Resurface Rockmore Street With 1 ½” Hot Laid Asphalt. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

UTILITY FUND:

TOWN OF SCRANTON

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$5,000.00 To The Town Of Scranton To Extend Water Lines Into The County. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUND:

LAVERNE ARD ATHLETIC PARK

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Funds From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation In An Amount Up To \$6,500.00 To Provide Financial Assistance To The Hannah-Pamplico Youth League With The Replacement Of 4 Dugout Roofs At The Laverne Ard Athletic Park. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE

Councilman Kirby recognized the Mayor, Council members and Town Administrator from the Town of Timmons ville present at the meeting and made a motion Council Approve An Allocation From The County's General Fund Balance In An Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000 To The Town Of Timmons ville In The Form Of A Loan To Be Repaid From Ad Valorem Tax Distributions Annually In No More Than Ten Equal Annual Payments, And To Authorize The County Administrator And Chairman Of County Council To Execute And Enter Into An Intergovernmental Agreement To Govern Said Assistance, Subject To Review By The County Attorney. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FLORENCE MUSEUM AND LOWER FLORENCE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Councilman Ard made a motion Council Accept A \$3.9 Million Grant From The State Of South Carolina And A \$3.9 Million Grant From The Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation And Allocate Up To \$3.9 Million From The County's General Fund Balance, Further Directing The County Administrator To Complete Notifications To The State And The Purchase Of Land From The City Of Florence Under The Current Option, All To Construct A New County Museum; And Allocate Up To \$985,000 From The County's General Fund Balance To Provide One-Time Capital Expense Assistance To The Lower Florence County Hospital District (A State Special Purpose District, AKA Lake City Community Hospital) With Funds Being Drawn For Eligible Expenses Based On Joint Approval Of The Chairman Of County Council And The County Administrator. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35 A.M.