

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015, 6:00 P.M., NATIONAL BEAN
MARKET MUSEUM, 111 HENRY STREET, LAKE CITY, SOUTH
CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

Roger M. Poston, Chairman
James T. Schofield, Vice Chairman
Mitchell Kirby, Secretary-Chaplain
Waymon Mumford, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, 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:

Kent C. Caudle, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Sam Brockington, Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Alan Smith, Library Director
Gavin Jackson, Morning News Staffwriter
Joshua Lloyd, Morning News Staffwriter
Lake City News & Post Staffwriter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the September 16, 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, the entrance of the National Bean Market Museum, 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. 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.

RECONSIDERATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT:

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Reconsider The Approval Of The Expenditure Of Up To \$50,000 From Council Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 And 8 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$5,000 Each From Districts 1, 2 And 6, \$27,000 From District 5, And \$4,000 Each From Districts 4 and 8) To Assist Francis Marion University With A Capital Improvement Project **To Allocate The \$4,000 Funding From District 8 Utility NOT Infrastructure Funding Allocation.** Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The August 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Dorriety 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. 07-2015/16

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

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

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2015/16

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

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.

The Chairman Stated That Because Certain Terms Of The Bonds Had Not Yet Been Established, Full Versions Of Ordinances No. 07, 08 And 09-2015/16 Had Not Been Completed And Provided To Council Or The Public. Since The Public Hearing Was Duly Advertised, Council Would Hold Public Hearing At The September 17, 2015 Regular Meeting But Second Reading Of The Ordinances Would Be Deferred To The October 15th Meeting, At Which Time An Additional Public Hearing On The Ordinances Would Be Held. Copies Of The Ordinances Would Be Made Available To The Public As Soon As The Terms Of The Bonds Were Established And The Information Became Available.

APPEARANCES:

There Were No Appearances Requested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, MILITARY AFFAIRS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Committee Chairman Bradley stated the City-County Conference Committee met on Friday, September 11, 2015. The Committee discussed two gateway entrances to Florence: 1) Hwy. 76/301; and, 2) Hwy. 52. The Committee unanimously voted to recommend that the City and the County each contribute \$20,000 to engage a consultant to develop a corridor enhancement plan for the Hwy. 76/301 and Hwy. 52 entrances to the City of Florence. Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of \$20,000 From The Contingency Fund, Contingent Upon The City Of Florence Providing \$20,000, Further For The County Administrator To Work With The City Of Florence Administrator To Hire An Engineering Firm To Develop The Corridor Enhancement Plan. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Bradley stated the City of Florence also agreed to be an equal partner with Florence County in funding the expansion of the Civic Center.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2015/16

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 02-2015/16: 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. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2015/16

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 03-2015/16: A Resolution To Rename A County Road, Lake Thurmond Drive, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 05312, Block 01, Parcels 080-088 And 102-112 To Lake Moultrie Drive. Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2015/16

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 04-2015/16: A Resolution To Amend Section 4 Of Resolution No. 5-2009/10 In Order To Authorize The Inclusion Of Two Additional Participants And To Increase The Limit For Two Participants In The South Carolina Procurement Card Program. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There Being No Signatures On The Sign-In Sheets For Public Hearings, The Chairman Closed The Public Hearings.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2015/16 – THIRD 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 Dorriety made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2015/16 – THIRD 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 third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chairman Poston Stated That Second Reading Of Ordinance Nos. 38-2014/15 And 07, 08, And 09-2015/16 Would Be Deferred.

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

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.

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ORDINANCES INTRODUCED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2015/16 – INTRODUCED

An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Cheryl Poston Located At 513 North Pamplico Highway, Pamplico, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00349, Block 02, Parcel 012; Consisting Of Approximately 2.72 Acres From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To RU-1, Rural Community District; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2015/16 – INTRODUCED

An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE II. – ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS, DIVISION I. – GENERALLY, Section 30-29, Table II: Schedule Of Permitted And Conditional Uses And Off-Street Parking Requirements For Business & Rural Districts And Section 30-30, Table III: Zoning Setbacks, To Add New Zoning District RU-1A (Rural Community District) With Reduced Intensity Of Land Uses From The Current RU-1 District.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

There Were No Appointments.

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. He stated the County was moving forward expeditiously with the projects. An update on the Alligator Road project was also included. He informed Council and the public that the next meeting of the department heads would focus on the FOIA to ensure the County was in full compliance with the law and make sure department heads were aware of any significant changes to the Act.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Smith Stated Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council Members For Their Edification And An Item For The Record.

CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY – PUMP STATION

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Conveyance Of Approximately .078 Acre Of TMP# 00197-31-065 To The City Of Lake City In Order To Install A Larger Wet Well And Upgrade An Existing Pump Station Currently Located Adjacent To The Site. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY – SYLVAN STREET

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Conveyance Of Approximately .23 Acre Of TMP#80015-02-010 With A Twenty (20) Foot Wide Sewer Easement And A Thirty (30) Foot Ingress/Egress From Sylvan Street To The City Of Lake City In Order To Construct A New Transfer Station At The Lake City Park Project Site. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EASEMENT – SPIRIT COMMUNICATIONS

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator To Execute An Easement To South Carolina Telecommunications Group Holding, Inc. d/b/a Spirit Communications To Install Fiber Optic Cable Underground Along County Complex Property In Order To Provide Service To Med-Enroll, Inc. Located At 151 West Evans Street. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

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

SHERIFF’S OFFICE/GRANTS

CONTRACT AWARD

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Accept Award Of An Annual Contract/Grant In The Amount Of \$6,000 From Circle Park To Florence County Sheriff’s Office For Services To Be Rendered As A Participant In The 12th Judicial Circuit Alcohol Enforcement Team. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE/PROCUREMENT

SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Authorize The Sole Source Purchase Of Seventy (70) Flex Flush Stainless Steel Toilets From SupplyWorks Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$56,322 As Funded From Capital Projects Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford asked for staff to elaborate. Mr. Smith stated these were toilets that were manufactured to prevent the inmates from destroying them. Larue Coker, Director of Maintenance at the Law Enforcement Complex (LEC) provided an explanation of the sole source procurement. The LEC ordered approximately 30 – 40 of them in the last few years and these toilets held up well to the abuse of the inmates and were manufactured so that the LEC maintenance staff could install. The company that the toilets were being purchased from was a local vendor, formerly TrayCo of Florence. This would leave approximately 110 more to replace in the future.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 09-15/16

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Award Bid No. 09-15/16, Resurfacing Project For District 9 In The Amount Of \$197,014 To C. R. Jackson, Inc. Of Darlington, SC From District 9 Funding Allocations Previously Approved. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

PROSSER FIELD YOUTH ORGANIZATION

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Declare A John Deere 1200A Bunker Rake Unit #M7007 As Surplus; Authorize The Sale Of The Bunker Rake To The Prosser Field Youth Organization In The Amount Of \$3,750; And, Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,750 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For The Purchase. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SPAULDING HEIGHTS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$2,900 From Council District 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Purchase Furniture And A Storage Cabinet For The Newly Expanded Spaulding Heights Community Building. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE/UTILITY

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$18,000 From Council Districts' Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (Approximately \$2,000 From Each District) To Assist The Boys & Girls Club With A Lighting Project For Its Facilities. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FRANCIS MARION RECREATION ATHLETIC LEAGUE

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Declare A 2006 John Deere 1200 Bunker Rake Unit #M7079 As Surplus; Authorize The Sale Of The Bunker Rake To The Francis Marion Recreation Athletic League In The Amount Of \$3,750; And, Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,750 From Council Districts 3, 6, And 7 Infrastructure/Utility Funding Allocations (\$1,250 From Each District) For The Purchase. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

BROOKS McCALL PARK

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$8,200 From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For The Purchase Of Security Cameras For Brooks McCall Park. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

THREE RIVERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$2,500 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Three Rivers Historical Society With The Purchase Of Equipment To House/Display Public Documents. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chairman Poston stated before Council adjourned he wanted to express his appreciation for the opportunity to hold the Council meeting in Lake City and for the gracious hospitality extended to Council.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M.