

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2013, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS ROOM 803, COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 N. IRBY  
STREET, FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**PRESENT:**

James T. Schofield, Chairman  
Alphonso Bradley, Vice Chairman  
Waymon Mumford, Secretary-Chaplain  
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member  
Russell W. Culberson, 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:**

Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director  
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director  
Jonathan B. Graham, III, Planning Director  
Robert Franks, IT Director  
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator  
Dale Rauch, Facilities Manager  
Glen Kirby, Chief Deputy  
Katherine McCain, Administrative Manager, Sheriff's Office  
Gavin Jackson, Morning News  
Ken Baker, WMBF News  
Patricia Burkette, WBTW News

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the October 16, 2013 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 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The September 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The Clerk Published The Titles And Chairman Schofield Opened The Public Hearings For The Following:

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-2013/14**

A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of A Portion Of Old Sansbury Road Located In The Timmonsville Area.

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-2013/14**

An Ordinance Authorizing The Taking Of Certain Actions And The Execution And Delivery Of Certain Documents With Respect To The \$46,770,000 Outstanding Principal Amount Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B (McLeod Regional Medical Center Project) Of Florence County, South Carolina, Relative To The Conversion Of Said Bonds To A Bank Held Mode; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

**APPEARANCES:**

**BILL BRADHAM AND PAM JACOBS – SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

Bill Bradham and Pam Jacobs – Marketing Coordinator, Senior Citizens Association (SCA) in Florence County, appeared before Council seeking funding for the ‘Meals on Wheels’ program. The program consists of home delivered meals with funding provided by the Office on Aging, which trickles down from Federal funding. The SCA recently obtained a grant to re-start a group meal program in the Town of Olanta one day per week. The SCA delivered 186 meals daily to seniors in Florence County. The waiting list consisted of 229 senior citizens, without the Association soliciting or seeking those who need the service. The SCA lost \$60,000 in funding this year which equates to approximately 11,000 meals per year. The cost to deliver a meal was \$6.05 and the SCA must keep up with the costs and then seek reimbursement. Statistics indicated that between 18 and 19% of seniors in South Carolina were at risk of hunger. Mr. Bradham stated costs could be reduced if volunteers could be solicited to deliver the meals. He asked that Council fund \$5,000 for the program. Chairman Schofield stated the item would be taken under consideration.

**JOHN SWEENEY – OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN TOM RICE**

Mr. Sweeney Appeared Before Council To Alert Members Of A Mobile Office Outreach Program Being Held Throughout The County To Assist Individuals Who Do Not Live In Close Proximity To The Congressman’s Office In Florence In Having An Opportunity To Meet With A Member Of The Congressman’s Team And Express Concerns Or Ask Questions. The next meeting was scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Pamplico Library from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

## **REGINA HUFF – PARK RANGER I, WOODS BAY STATE PARK**

Ms. Huff Requested To Appear Before Council To Discuss Current Updates And A Program Scheduled For November At Woods Bay State Park In Olanta.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

Chairman Schofield reported that the Supreme Court had not issued a ruling in the case of the Capital Project Sales Tax yet. The Court did approve a hearing (vote was 4 to 1) but did not issue an injunction, so the referendum was still on the ballot scheduled for election on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Councilman Caudle stated members of Council noticed that intersections on the Interstate were grown up and businesses were not visible to vehicular traffic on the Interstate. He commended County Administrator Rusty Smith for working with the Facilities Department Manager Dale Rauch, County Public Works and the SCDOT in initiating the process and getting started with the clean-up of these intersections.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

The following individuals signed to speak with regard to Resolution No. 13-2013/14:

- Coit Yarborough – resident of Old Sansbury Road spoke in favor of the proposed closing of the road.
- Greg Hendrick – stated he would just reiterate the comments by Mr. Yarborough.

There being no additional signatures on the sign-in sheet, the Chairman closed the Public hearings.

## **RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 13-2013/14**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 13-2013/14: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of A Portion Of Old Sansbury Road Located In The Timmonsville Area. Councilman Bradley made a motion Not To Close. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 14-2013/14**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 14-2013/14: A Resolution To Approve A Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement Requested By The Florence County Sheriff's Office And Authorizing The County Administrator To Execute Said Agreement. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-2013/14**

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 15-2013/14: A Resolution To Authorize The County Administrator For Florence County To Enter Into The Amendment Of Certain Agreements Regarding The Federal Tax ID Number For Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreements Between Rock-Tenn CP, LLC And Smurfit Stone Container Enterprises And The County Of Florence. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 07-2013/14 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 07-2013/14: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Properties In Florence County Located At 114, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 308 E. Carolyn Avenue And 316, 318, 322, 326, 328, 330 E. Grace Drive, Florence, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Numbers 90095, Block 01, Parcels 017, 030, 032-041, And Tax Map Numbers 90095, Block 02, Parcels 001-006, From Commercial Growth And Preservation To Suburban Development; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 08-2013/14 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 08-2013/14: An Ordinance To Amend Florence County Code, Chapter 5, Ambulance Services, In Its Entirety To Establish Procedures Relating To Private Ambulance Services 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. 09-2013/14 – THIRD READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 09-2013/14: An Ordinance To Amend Section 10d Of Ordinance No. 01-2013/14 In Order To Increase Two Coroner Fees And To Add One Additional Coroner Fee And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 10-2013/14 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 10-2013/14: An Ordinance Authorizing The Taking Of Certain Actions And The Execution And Delivery Of Certain Documents With Respect To The \$46,770,000 Outstanding Principal Amount Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B (McLeod Regional Medical Center Project) Of Florence County, South Carolina, Relative To The Conversion Of Said Bonds To A Bank Held Mode; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Culberson made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-2013/14 – SECOND READING**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 11-2013/14: An Ordinance To Rezone Properties On Behalf Of Mary B. Cunningham Kennedy & Ronnie Kennedy, James R. Kelly & Karen E. Kelly, Clebe G. Eaddy & Debbie C. Eaddy Located At 222 And 308 East Carolyn Avenue And 318, 322, 326, 328, 330 East Grace Drive, Florence County, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90095, Block 01, Parcels 017 And 020 And 90095, Block 02, Parcels 001-005; Consisting Of Approximately 3.45 Acres From B-3, General Commercial District To R-3, Single-Family Residential District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Caudle made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-2013/14 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 12-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property Located At 303 Honda Way, Timmons ville, More Specifically Shown On Tax Map Number 70018, Block 01, Parcel 002, From Suburban Development To Commercial Growth And Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-2013/14 – INTRODUCED**

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 13-2013/14 and the Chairman declared the Ordinance introduced: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Theo Strother C/O Anthony Shields Located At 303 Honda Way, Town Of Timmons ville, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 70018, Block 01, Parcel 002; Consisting Of Approximately 1.01 Acres From R-3, Single-Family Residential District, To B-3, General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**FLORENCE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD**

Council Unanimously Approved The Recommendation Of The Lake City Community Museum Society, Inc. For The Re-Appointment Of Ann Rogers Chandler And The Appointment Of Milton Ray McBride To Serve On Florence County Museum Board, Representing The Lake City Community Museum Society, Inc., With Appropriate Expiration Terms.

**CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS**

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Lubov Radtke To Serve On The Construction Board Of Adjustment And Appeals, Representing Council District 5, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

**HOWE SPRINGS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL**

Council Unanimously Approved The Appointment Of Joseph A. Mobley To Serve On The Howe Springs Fire District Board Of Fire Control, Seat 3, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of James Byrd To Serve On The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

### **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

Council Unanimously Approved The Re-Appointment Of James Cooper, Jr. To Serve On The Board Of Zoning Appeals, Representing Council District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term.

### **REPORTS TO COUNCIL:**

#### **HANNAH-SALEM-FRIENDFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT/PROCUREMENT**

##### **VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Purchase Of A Used 2003 Ford F-550 Mini Pumper Truck From The Piedmont Park Fire Department In Greenville, SC In The Amount Of \$38,000 To Be Funded From FY13-14 Budgeted Funds For Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire Department. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

##### **PROCUREMENT**

##### **ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve Architectural And Engineering Services For The Demolition And Renovation Of Portions Of The Basement As Well As Mechanical And Electrical Spaces In The County Complex By Collins And Almers Architecture In The Amount Of \$22,195 To Be Funded From Building Commission Funds. Mr. Smith stated this would provide access to maintain the mechanical and electrical equipment and preparation to address the switchgear issue, as well as eventual re-stacking of that facility if Council decided to put a back-up EOC in the basement. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

##### **ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve Electrical Engineering Services For The Replacement Of The Main Switchgear And Related Busways In The County Complex To GWA, Inc. Electrical Engineers In The Amount Of \$59,340 To Be Funded From Building Commission Funds. This Would Provide Drawings Of The Electrical System To Alleviate Potential Fire Hazard And Eventually To Assist With The Upgrade Of The Electrical. Mr. Smith noted that this item was negotiated down from \$98,000 to \$59,000. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle stated he read the information provided on this item and if he read it correctly, this action was to have the plans drawn for the electrical. Chairman Schofield confirmed and stated that these were the construction documents required under the Code to obtain the permits for the upgrades. Councilman Caudle stated he understood the need for it but the estimated cost for running the electrical was \$1 million and he inquired about the funding source. Mr. Smith stated probably the Capital Project Sales Tax and there would potentially be funds left in the Building Commission that could

accommodate some of the cost. Councilman Caudle asked if that meant the County would have to wait on the penny tax to be approved and take effect before the County could move forward. Chairman Schofield stated not before the drawings would be done, but before moving forward with any actual work.

## **PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT**

### **AWARD BID NO. 11-13/14**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Award Bid No. 11-13/14 For Corrugated Galvanized Metal Pipe For Public Works To The Low Bidder Mid-Atlantic Drainage, Inc. Of Gallivants Ferry, SC In The Amount Of \$16,240.29. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

### **UPGRADE SERGEANT/SHIFT SUPERVISOR SLOT**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Upgrade Of Sergeant/Shift Supervisor (Slot Number 10-421-200-028) In The Detention Center To A Lieutenant/Uniformed Slot, Enabling A Lieutenant On Each Squad In The Detention Center Providing 24-Hour Direct Supervision By A Lieutenant, In Compliance With The SC Department Of Corrections Mandates. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **SHERIFF'S OFFICE/GRANTS**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT**

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Accept A South Carolina Department Of Public Safety Grant In The Amount Of \$28,000 For Services Rendered As The Host Agency For The 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Law Enforcement Network. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **PROCUREMENT**

### **ENGINEERING FIRMS PRE-QUALIFICATION**

Councilman Culberson made a motion Council Approve The Following Eleven (11) Engineering Firms For Pre-Qualification For Future County Projects In The County As Recommended By The Professional Engineering Services Request For Qualifications Review Panel: 1) Alliance Consulting Engineers Of Columbia, SC; 2) Civil Engineering Consulting Of Columbia, SC; 3) Collins Engineers, Inc., Of Charleston, SC; 4) Davis & Floyd Of Florence, SC; 5) Ervin Engineering Co., Inc. Of Florence, SC; 6) Fuss & O'Neil Of Columbia, SC; 7) Hussey Gay Bell & DeYoung, Inc. Of Mt. Pleasant, SC; 8) ICA Engineering, Inc. of Columbia, SC; 9) StanTec of N. Charleston, SC; 10) Thomas & Hutton Of Myrtle Beach, SC And 11) Tran Systems Of N. Charleston, SC. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Caudle expressed concerns that only two firms selected were from Florence.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$25,000 From Council Districts' Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Approximately \$2,778 From Each District) To Assist The American Red Cross With The Purchase Of Initial Equipment And Building Renovations, Etc. For The Implementation Of The Nurse Assistance Training (NAT) Program. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **UTILITY**

#### **WARD CIRCLE**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$14,437.50 From Council District 7 Utility Funding Allocation To Put Crushed Asphalt On Ward Circle. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### **SARDIS-TIMMONSVILLE FIRE STATION 3**

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$625 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For One Load Of MBC Stone Delivered To Sardis-Timmons ville Fire Station 3. Councilman Caudle seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

#### **SAVANNAH GROVE FOUR COMMUNITY HALL**

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$6,000 From Council Districts 3, 4 and 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$2,000 From Each District) For Repairs/Restoration Of The Savannah Grove Four Community Hall. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

### **UTILITY**

#### **CITY OF FLORENCE – OLANTA HWY.**

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$51,843 From Council Districts 3 And 7 Utility Funding Allocations (\$26,843 From District 4 And \$25,000 From District 7) For The City Of Florence To Install A Water Line Extension On Olanta Hwy. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Enter Executive Session, Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended, To Discuss Contractual And Personnel Matters. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered executive session at 9:55 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

**CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**

Councilman Caudle made a motion Council Approve The Creation Of The Position Of Chief Information Officer And Advertise The Position To Fill. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:32 A.M.**