

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011, 10:00 A.M., LYNCHES RIVER
COUNTY PARK, COMMUNITY BUILDING, 1110 BEN GAUSE
ROAD, COWARD, 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
Johnnie D. Rodgers, Jr., Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Roger M. Poston, Council Member
Thomas B. Robinson, County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Suzanne S. King, Administrative Services Director
Carlie Gregg, Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Joe Eason, Parks & Recreation Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Ray McBride, Library Director
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Sheriff Kenney Boone

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the December 7, 2011 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. Copies of the Meeting 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 all branch libraries, the Lynchess River County Park Community Building and on the County's website (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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The November 17, 2011 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The Chairman opened the public hearing and the Clerk published titles for the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2011/12

An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 900 E. Julep Lane, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 01812, Block 01, Parcel 001 Consisting Of 7.8 Acres From Public Facility To Residential Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2011/12

An Ordinance To Approve A Use Variance For A Communications Tower For Property Located At 355 N. Country Club Rd., Lake City Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00142, Block 31, Parcel 048 And Zoned R-1, Single-Family Residential District; To Approve Related Text Amendments To The Florence County Code; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

There were no appearances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no reports.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2011/12

Chairman Smith published the title of Resolution No. 13-2011/12: A Resolution Approving Tax-Advantaged Bond Compliance Policies And Procedures For Florence County As Required By The Internal Revenue Service And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2011/12 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 13-2011/12: An Ordinance Adopting And Enacting A New Code Of Ordinances Of The County Of Florence County, South Carolina; Establishing The Same; Providing For The Repeal Of Certain Ordinances Not Included Therein, Except As Herein Expressly Provided; Providing For The Manner Of Amending Such Code Of Ordinances; Providing A Penalty For The Violation Thereof; And Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2011/12 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 14-2011/12: An Ordinance Authorizing MIT-RCF, LLC To Enter Into A Sublease With Progress Energy And Associated Investors With Regard To Tax Map Parcel No. 00167-031-131; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets, Chairman Smith declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2011/12 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2011/12: An Ordinance To Amend The Florence County Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map For Property In Florence County Located At 900 E. Julep Lane, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 01812, Block 01, Parcel 001 Consisting Of 7.8 Acres From Public Facility To Residential Preservation; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2011/12 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2011/12: An Ordinance To Approve A Use Variance For A Communications Tower For Property Located At 355 N. Country Club Rd., Lake City Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00142, Block 31, Parcel 048 And Zoned R-1, Single-Family Residential District; To Approve Related Text Amendments To The Florence County Code; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

There were no appointments.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2012 Through October 31, 2011 As An Item For The Record.

2012 CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES AND HOLIDAYS

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The 2012 Calendar Of Meeting Dates And Holidays. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

LAKE CITY MANNED CONVENIENCE CENTER

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator To Contract With Waste Management For The Relocation And Construction Of The Lake City Manned Convenience Center; And To Accept The Donation Of Approximately Three (3) Acres Of Land From The City Of Lake City (A Portion Of Tax Map Parcel #00230-31-010); And To Fund The Project From Previously Allocated Bond Funds (Account Number 314-471-451-100-8600). Councilman Rodgers seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE/FACILITIES

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE/AUDITOR'S OFFICE RENOVATIONS

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Authorize The Construction Of Two Walls By The Building Commission At A Cost Not To Exceed \$500 To Physically Separate The Assessor's Office And The Auditor's Office In Order To Comply With Federal And State Red Flag Rules, To Be Funded From Existing Funds In The Assessor's Office Budget. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID #08-11/12

Councilman Rodgers made a motion Council Award Bid #08-11/12 For One (1) 12 Yard Dump Body To Double A Body Builders, Pamplico, SC In The Amount Of \$11,502 From FY12 Public Works Departmental Funds. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

EBENEZER PARK TENNIS COURTS

Councilman Anderson made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$20,000 From Council District 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Resurface The Tennis Courts At Ebenezer Park. Councilman Culberson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

EAST OLD MIDDLE ROAD

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$71,977 From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Rock And Crushed Asphalt For A Section Of E. Old Middle Road (2,650 Feet From Hill Road). Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SANDSPUR ROAD

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$22,329 From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Crushed Asphalt For A Portion Of Sandspur Road (2,145 Feet From Cale Yarborough Road). Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ATTWOOD AVENUE

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$23,870 From Council District 8 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Reclamation And Resurfacing Of A Portion (330 Feet From Irby Street) Of Attwood Avenue; Pending Receipt Of The Encroachment Permit From SCDOT. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The following item was an addition to the Agenda:

INFRASTRUCTURE

NORTHWEST PARK

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,000 From Council District 3 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For Repairs To The Basketball Courts At Northwest Park. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CHAIRMAN SMITH

Chairman Smith stated that during the FY12 budget process members of Council expressed a desire to hold a planning meeting or a retreat prior to moving forward with the FY13 budget in essence to help develop priorities and long-term objectives. He stated he had discussed this with the new administrator Thomas Robinson, who was very supportive of the idea, and he had talked with Johnny Brown, Executive Director of the PD Regional Council of Governments (COG) concerning holding the meeting at the COG office. One of the items for consideration would be the re-implementation of the wellness program for employees as well as consideration of a cost of living increase. He stated anything Council could do to enhance the health and performance of County employees was well-needed. Also, the County experienced a very successful program in the "One Cent Makes Sense" and several members of Council discussed what direction to take in the future. He asked Council to begin thinking of potential projects and prioritize the greatest needs for the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Enter Executive Session, Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended, For A Legal Briefing. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Council entered executive session at 10:23 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

RECESS

There being no further business before Council, Council recessed until 10:45 a.m.

Council recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Council recognized employees who completed from five to thirty-five years of service with the County as of December 31, 2011.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:27 A.M.