

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING/WORKSESSION OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011, 1:00 P.M., CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 802, 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
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
Richard A. Starks, County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, County Attorney
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

John Sweeney, Morning News
Tonya Brown, TV15
Concerned Citizens

A notice of the special called meeting/worksession of the Florence County Council appeared in the August 8, 2011 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. Copies were also available at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library and all branch libraries, 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 and stated the purpose of the meeting was a worksession for Council to begin the discussion on redistricting.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2011/12

Chairman Smith published the title of Resolution No. 05-2011/12: A Resolution To Approve Adoption Of The Criteria For The Development Of 2010 Redistricting Plans. Councilman Anderson made a motion Council approve the Resolution. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

(Councilman Rodgers entered the meeting at 1:05 p.m.)

WORKSESSION:

REDISTRICTING

Chairman Smith stated this meeting/worksession would be the impetus to the process for redistricting. Bobby Bowers with the South Carolina Office of Research and Statistics presented information to Council regarding the Benchmark Statistics and offered Plan 1 to begin the redistricting process. Mr. Bowers stated that, based on the 2010 Census data, the ideal district population for Florence County would be 15,209 for each of the nine (9) districts. State law dictates that counties must adopt a population deviation not to exceed 10%, but the ORS recommends decreasing the deviation much less than 10%. Members of Council reviewed the proposed Plan 1 along with the associated map and discussed potential revisions.

(Councilman Bradley left the meeting at 1:54 p.m.)

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:00 P.M.