REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017, 9:00 A.M., COUNTY COMPLEX, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803, 180 N. IRBY STREET, FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

PRESENT:
Kent C. Caudle, Chairman
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Vice Chairman
Mitchell Kirby, Council Member
Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
James T. Schofield, Council Member
Roger M. Poston, 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:
Waymon Mumford, Secretary-Chaplain

ALSO PRESENT:
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby
Coroner Keith Lutcken
Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Jack Newsome, Tax Assessor
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Shawn Brashear, Interim Planning Director
Perry B. Strickland, Assistant to the County Administrator
Joshua Lloyd, Morning News Staffwriter
Kiahnna Patterson, WBTW TV13 Reporter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the October 18, 2017 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).
Chairman Caudle called the meeting to order. Vice Chairman Dorriety provided the invocation and Councilman Kirby led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Caudle welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Reconsider The Vote Taken At The September 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Of Council To Approve The Request For Funding From The Hospitality Fund For The Billboard Program As Presented By Holly Beaumier, Executive Director Of The Florence CVB. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The September 21, 2017 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
The Clerk published the titles and the Chairman declared the Public Hearings opened for the following:

**ORDINANCE NO. 09-2017/18**
An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Documents Relating To The Provision Of County Facilities; Consenting To And Approving The Issuance Of Not Exceeding $15,000,000 Florence County Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (Parking Garage And Spec Building Projects) Series 2017 By Florence County Public Facilities Corporation To Provide Funding To Finance The Costs Of Acquisition, Construction, Renovation And Expansion Of County Facilities; Consenting To And Approving The Execution Of A Base Lease And Conveyance Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Florence County Public Facilities Corporation; Consenting To And Approving The Execution Of A Facilities Purchase And Occupancy Agreement Relating Thereto By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Florence County Public Facilities Corporation; Consenting To The Form Of A Bond Purchase Agreement To Be Entered Into By Florence County Public Facilities Corporation And The Initial Purchaser Of The Bonds; Consenting To The Form Of A Trust Agreement To Be Entered Into By Florence County Public Facilities Corporation, And The Trustee For The Bonds; And Together Therewith An Assignment To The Trustee For The Bonds Of Certain Rights To Payment And Other Rights Of Florence County Public Facilities Corporation Under The Facilities Purchase And Occupancy Agreement; And Making Provision For All Other Matters Relating To The Foregoing.
ORDINANCE NO. 10-2017/18
An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 04-2013/14 Entitled “An Ordinance To Impose A One Percent Sales Tax, Subject To A Referendum, Within Florence County Pursuant To The Capital Project Sales Tax Act; To Define The Specific Purposes And Designate The Projects For Which The Proceeds Of The Tax May Be Used; To Provide The Maximum Time For Which The Tax May Be Imposed; To Provide The Maximum Cost Of The Projects Or Facilities Funded From The Proceeds To Be Raised By The Tax; To Provide For A County-Wide Referendum And To Concur In The Contents Of The Ballot Question In Such Referendum; To Establish The Priority In Which The Proceeds Of The Tax Are To Be Expended; To Authorize The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of Florence County, Subject To Such Referendum, To Defray Costs Of Projects And Issuance Costs; To Provide For The Conduct Of Such Referendum; To Provide For The Administration Of The Tax; To Provide For The Payment Of The Tax; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto” In Order To Address Allocation Of Certain Additional Revenues Of Said Tax; To Provide For Additional Projects To Which Such Additional Tax Revenues May Be Applied; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2017/18
An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Veg3 To Provide For The Inclusion Of A Proposed Expansion In The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, The Provision Of Enhanced Special Source Revenue Credits Thereunder, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

PASTOR JERROD MOULTRIE
Pastor Moultrie Appeared Before Council In Regards To A Road Being Paved (Harkless Court). Pastor Moultrie stated the Town of Timmonsville advised the citizens that Harkless Court was a private road but the road was located within a subdivision, which according to Pastor Moultrie, the Town of Timmonsville accepted the road into its road system. He referenced a letter from the Town of Timmonsville requesting assistance from Councilman Kirby with getting the road maintained. Councilman Dorriety asked County Attorney Malloy McEachin if he had researched the road and if it was a private road. Mr. McEachin confirmed that he researched the matter and Harkless Court was a private road. He also confirmed that it was unconstitutional for the County to expend funds for maintenance on private property. Councilman Dorriety asked County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. if at any time this matter had been brought before Council requesting that the road be placed in the County’s road maintenance system. Mr. Smith responded that according to the Planning Department it had not. Initially, the original parcel, which was 14.36 acres, was sold to Willie Harkless in January 2000 but it was a private road that was never accepted into the County system. Mr. Smith stated that it was within the municipal limits of the Town of Timmonsville and the original letter the Pastor was referring to was sent to Councilman Kirby asking for assistance. Mr. Smith stated that if
the Town of Timmonsville were to provide the County with verification that the road was within the Town’s system then Councilman Kirby could consider providing assistance with the patching of the road. Councilman Kirby stated he had talked with Pastor Moultrie at length regarding this matter. He reiterated that the County would be glad to assist if the Town would provide the appropriate documentation that the road had been added to the Town of Timmonsville road system. Councilman Kirby requested that the County send a letter to the Town of Timmonsville requesting documentation.

PAUL BEARD, GENERAL MANAGER – FLORENCE CIVIC CENTER
Mr. Beard Appeared Before Council To Inform Council Of The Rebranding Of The Florence City-County Civic Center For Marketing Purposes. The rebranding would not change the official/legal name of the Florence City-County Civic Center but for marketing purposes, the name “Florence Center” would be used. He provided a power point presentation on the status of the renovations underway at the Civic Center and stated if progress continued at its current rate the renovations should be complete by mid-January 2018. Mr. Beard stated that, as an example, one of the events that the Civic Center booked was the World Horseshoe Pitchers Association. This event was scheduled to be held at the Civic Center in October 2018, and would bring in over 2,000 folks in a two-week period with an estimated economic impact of around $3.5 - $5 million. Chairman Caudle expressed appreciation to Councilman Schofield as one of the original supporters of the Civic Center for his long-term vision.

BRIAN S. NEW, CEO – FLORENCE FAMILY YMCA
Mr. New Appeared Before Council To Present Councilman Al Bradley With The SC Alliance Of YMCA’s “Community Ambassador Award” For His Commendable Work And Support Of The Florence Family YMCA. Mr. New stated that every year the South Carolina Alliance of YMCAs looked for a community leader with a heart for the YMCA and that had helped to move the YMCA forward in the community. He stated this year’s award was being presented to Councilman Bradley because of the help he had extended to the YMCA over the years in assisting the organization in securing funding for various projects. He expressed appreciation for Councilman Bradley and the Florence County Council for its support. Councilman Bradley expressed his appreciation for the award. He said he owed a lot to the YMCA. It was a special place when he was growing up and that he had learned a lot of valuable skills through that organization. He thanked Council members for supporting the organization, as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
There Were No Committee Reports.
RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION & RECOGNITION
The Clerk published, in its entirety, A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For Gerald Larue Hendrix, Sr. For His Meritorious Service To His Community, Florence County And The Pee Dee Region. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Dorriety expressed his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of Mr. Hendrix and presented him with a framed Resolution. Mr. Hendrix expressed his appreciation for the recognition and the support he received from Council over the years. Chairman Caudle thanked Mr. Hendrix personally and on behalf of County Council for his 44 years of community service.

Councilman Dorriety also recognized the newly appointed Fire Chief for West Florence Mr. Howard Worrell, who was also present at the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
There being no signatures on the sign-in sheets for Public Hearings, the Chairman closed the Public Hearings. (The sign-in sheets are attached and incorporated by reference.)

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2016/17 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2016/17: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Elliott G. Skillern & Camelia J. Scott-Skillern Located At 1063 West Main Street, Lake City, SC As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00141, Block 31, Parcel 016; Consisting Of Approximately 33.562 Acres From R-1, Single-Family Residential District To RU-1, Rural Community District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve Third Reading Of Ordinance No. 15-2016/17. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of third reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2017/18 – THIRD READING DEFERRED
The Chairman stated third reading of Ordinance No. 02-2017/18 would be deferred: An Ordinance To Convey Approximately .04 Acres Of Property Located At 153 E. Main Street, A Portion Of TMP# 80028-02-001 To City Of Lake City In Order To Make Street Improvements At The Intersection Of E. Main Street And S. Church Street Contingent Upon Relocation Of The Rotary Clock At Said Intersection By The City Of Lake City To A Location Determined By Florence County.
ORDINANCE NO. 06-2017/18 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 06-2017/18: An Ordinance To Amend A Previously Approved PD Requested By Gary W. Brown For Property Located At 781 St. Andrews Road, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 00074, Block 01, Parcel 012; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve third reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of third reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2014/15 – SECOND READING DEFERRED
The Chairman stated Council was asked to defer second reading of Ordinance No. 38-2014/15: 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2017/18 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 07-2017/18: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Dale D. And Kimberly Turbeville Located At 2802 Pamplico Hwy., Florence, SC As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00211, Block 01, Parcel 026; Consisting Of Approximately 0.96 Acres From R-3, Single-Family Residential District To B-3, General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of third reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2017/18 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 08-2017/18: An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, CHAPTER 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE X. – DEFINITIONS, Section 30-311, Definitions.; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of third reading of the Ordinance.
ORDINANCE NO. 09-2017/18 – SECOND READING (TITLE REVISED)
The Clerk published the revised title of Ordinance No. 09-2017/18: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Documents Relating To The Provision Of County Facilities; Consenting To And Approving The Issuance Of Not Exceeding $15,000,000 Florence County Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (Parking Garage And Spec Building Projects) Series 2017 By Florence County Public Facilities Corporation To Provide Funding To Finance The Costs Of Acquisition, Construction, Renovation And Expansion Of County Facilities; Consenting To And Approving The Execution Of A Base Lease And Conveyance Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Florence County Public Facilities Corporation; And Together Therewith An Assignment To The Trustee For The Bonds Of Certain Rights To Payment And Other Rights Of Florence County Public Facilities Corporation Under The Facilities Purchase And Occupancy Agreement; And Making Provision For All Other Matters Relating To The Forgoing. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance as presented with revised title. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of second reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2017/18 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 10-2017/18: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 04-2013/14 Entitled “An Ordinance To Impose A One Percent Sales Tax, Subject To A Referendum, Within Florence County Pursuant To The Capital Project Sales Tax Act; To Define The Specific Purposes And Designate The Projects For Which The Proceeds Of The Tax May Be Used; To Provide The Maximum Time For Which The Tax May Be Imposed; To Provide The Maximum Cost Of The Projects Or Facilities Funded From The Proceeds To Be Raised By The Tax; To Provide For A County-Wide Referendum And To Concur In The Contents Of The Ballot Question In Such Referendum; To Establish The Priority In Which The Proceeds Of The Tax Are To Be Expended; To Authorize The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds Of Florence County, Subject To Such Referendum, To Defray Costs Of Projects And Issuance Costs; To Provide For The Conduct Of Such Referendum; To Provide For The Administration Of The Tax; To Provide For The Payment Of The Tax; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto” In Order To Address Allocation Of Certain Additional Revenues Of Said Tax; To Provide For Additional Projects To Which Such Additional Tax Revenues May Be Applied; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of second reading of the Ordinance.
ORDINANCE NO. 11-2017/18 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 11-2017/18: An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Veg 3 To Provide For The Inclusion Of A Proposed Expansion In The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, The Provision Of Enhanced Special Source Revenue Credits Thereunder, And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve second reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of second reading of the Ordinance. Chairman Caudle stated this was another expansion of an existing industry that he was pleased to see taking place.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
The Clerk published the titles and the Chairman declared the following Ordinances Introduced, with Ordinance Nos. 13-2017/18 and 14-2017/18 being Introduced by Title Only:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2017/18 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance Amending And Revising Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards, Commissions, Committees, And Agencies, Of The Florence County Code Regarding The Florence County Museum Board, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2017/18 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY
An Ordinance To Convey Approximately 0.32 Acres Of Property On Florence Harllee Boulevard At The Pee Dee Touchstone Energy Commerce Park Identified As Lot “A” On A Plat Prepared By Nesbitt Surveying Dated October 13, 2017 to RG4 Holding Company, LLC DBA Ruiz Food Products, Inc. In Order To Enhance An Entrance To The Manufacturing Facility.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2017/18 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY
An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To That Certain Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Florence County And Project Presto To Provide For Super Fee Treatment For An Expansion Project, An Extension Of The Investment Period Thereunder, An Extension Of The Term Thereof, The Provision Of Special Source Revenue Credits, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

WRIGHT FOUNDATION FOR SOUTHERN ART
REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Mr. Smith reported that Council was provided with extensive updates for the Capital Project Sales Tax 1 (CPST I) and 2 (CPST II). He also provided detailed updates from the Planning Department, including projects in plan review, jobs under construction, zoning requests and reports from engineering and 911 addressing, as well as notes from the most recent department heads meeting.

Mr. Smith advised that CPST I projects were rapidly progressing and nearing completion. Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the US 378 road widening project were substantially complete and Sections 1 & 2, which included the new bridge over Lynches River should be completed by year’s end. The US 76 Road widening project was substantially complete and the TV Road widening project had an anticipated completion date of late 2017. Work on SC 51 widening project continued to progress and was slated for a fall of 2019 completion date. Design & ROW acquisition continued on the Alligator Road project with a projected completion date of summer 2021.

In the CPST II projects, the County completed 284 roadway improvements and Ordinance No. 10-2017/18 which received second reading this morning would enable the County to continue to improve additional roads in Florence County that were in dire need of repair. Koppers Road, Brookgreen and Foxcroft subdivisions, and Kelly Farm Road projects were currently under construction.

Councilman Bradley participated in a public meeting on October 16th to discuss the Dargan Street sidewalk project with the community. Later on the Agenda Council would be asked for approval of the contract to provide engineering design services to propel this project forward.

The new maintenance building in Scranton should be completed by the end of October and construction on the new canteen building in Johnsonville had begun; the contractor started laying out and placing the foundations. Numerous projects were currently either under construction or advertised for construction in the various towns and cities in the County.

At its regular meeting of September 21st Council approved an update to the Nuisance Code to assist in our efforts to clean up the County. The amendment would allow for the abatement of nuisances such as dilapidated housing/buildings, overgrown lots, abandoned vehicles and discarded refuse & debris. Our ever efficient Planning Department and Codes Enforcement division were working diligently to ensure compliance in all areas of the County and working on all complaints received.

The Environmental Services department continued the County’s war against litter. The litter detail crew cleaned 28.25 miles of roadway and collected a total of 10,884 pounds of litter in September. There were 4 citations written and $468 collected in fines. The Florence County Animal Shelter also facilitated the adoption of 87 animals.
The public works and emergency management departments had been diligently working to draft a Hazard Mitigation Grant request in the amount of $1.5 million to address several drainage issues in the County, particularly the US 52 site near the old Willis Construction building. If the County were successful it would require a grant match of approximately $300,000 that the County would have to contribute.

Progress continued on the new Judicial Center with a projected open date of late 2017 or January 2018.

Although the recent storms affected several vendors the County was dealing with on purchasing equipment for the new 911/EOC Dusty Owens assured him that the County was still on schedule and anticipated the new facility would be open by mid to late November. Another item of interest was the change order to complete Justice Way, which served the narcotics office area.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**
Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2018 Through August 31, 2017 As An Item For The Record.

**BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN**
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Request From The Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau For Funding In The Amount Of $37,250 From Local Hospitality Tax Fund For Participation In A Billboard Campaign With The City Of Florence, Florence CVB And Adams Outdoor. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Springs asked if the City of Florence had officially committed to the project. Chairman Caudle confirmed that he talked with Mayor Wukela and City Councilman Glynn Willis (who was present at the meeting) and the City had already signed the contract for the project. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on the approval of the request.

**ADMINISTRATION/SHERIFF’S OFFICE**

**PROMOTION OF TWO EMPLOYEES**
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Promotion Of Two Employees Along With A Pay Increase To 10% Above The Minimum Of The Grade Of The Position Into Which Each Of These Employees Has Been Promoted. *(Request Was Budget Neutral).* Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

LEASE APPROVAL – T-MOBILE SOUTH, LLC
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve An Amendment To A Current Lease With T-Mobile South, LLC For Use Of Space On The Tower Located At 1014 Matthews Road, Lake City To A Term Of Five (5) Years Beginning June 1, 2018 In An Amount Of $2,000 (Two Thousand Dollars) Per Month With Four (4) Renewal Terms Of Five (5) Years Each If Both Parties Desire. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of amendment to the lease.

HANNAH-SALEM-FRIENDFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID ALTERNATE NO. 1 FOR BID NO. 07-17/18
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Award Bid Alternate No. 1 For Bid No. 07-17/18 For A Set Of Five (5) Battery Operated Hydraulic Cutters And Five (5) Battery Operated Hydraulic Spreaders For Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire Department From Spartan Fire & Emergency Apparatus, Inc. of Roebuck, SC In The Amount Of $83,271.34 From Hannah-Salem-Friendfield Fire Department Funds. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on the award of bid.

PROCUREMENT

CONTRACT APPROVAL - TRANSYSTEMS
Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Authorize TranSystems From The Engineering On-Call List To Provide Engineering Design Services For Sidewalk Segments On N. Dargan Street And Sopkin Avenue In The Amount Of $98,911 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds Contingent Upon The Ability To Obtain The Necessary Right Of Ways In Order To Construct The Sidewalks. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on the authorization of the contract.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare Two (2) Vehicles And One (1) Truck As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
ADMINISTRATION/PARKS & RECREATION

UNIVERSAL PRAISE & DELIVERANCE LEASE
Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Authorize The Administrator To Execute A Lease With Universal Praise & Deliverance For The Temporary Use Of The Spaulding Heights Community Center Located At 306 E. Shenandoah Drive, Florence, SC. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of the lease.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/PROCUREMENT

SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE
Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve A Sole Source Purchase Of Fresche Advisor Software From Fresche Solutions USA Corp. Of Elk Grove, CA In The Amount Of $43,488.00 For The Information Technology Department To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of the sole source purchase.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

LAKE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Reallocation Of The Expenditure Of Up To $10,220 From Council District 1 Utility Funding Allocation To Remove Broken Asphalt In Front Of The Apparatus Bays And Replace With Reinforced Concrete And Seal And Stripe The Entire Parking Area For The Lake City Fire Department (Original Request Was Approved At The September 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Of Council; However, The City Of Lake City Never Requested The Funding So The Funds Were De-obligated But The City Is Now Requesting Reimbursement For The Project). Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of the Reallocation of Funding.

PEE DEE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP
Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $27,095.47 From Council Districts 3 And 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Approximately $13,547.73 From Each District) To Assist The Pee Dee Community Action Partnership With Renovations/Repairs To Its Emergency Shelter. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of the Expenditure of Funding.
ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

GREENWOOD ATHLETIC PARK
Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $14,500 From Council Districts’ RSMF Funding Allocations As Listed On The Approving Documentation (Approximately $1,612 Each From Districts 3, 4, 7, 8, And 9; $3,224 Each From Districts 5 And 6) To Rock A Drive At The Greenwood Athletic Facility. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley submitted a proxy on behalf of Councilman Mumford, which was a ‘yes’ vote on approval of the Expenditure of Funds.

CHAIRMAN CAUDLE

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY
Chairman Caudle Asked Council To Discuss Correspondence He Received From Francis Marion University (FMU), Which He Forwarded To Council Members, Requesting Approximately $150,000 To Construct A New Sign. His understanding was that this would be a LED sign that would not only be used for University business but to provide evacuation traffic instructions, AMBER alerts, weather alerts, etc. that would benefit County residents as well as travelers in the area. He stated no action would be taken at that meeting, but he was asking Council to discuss the item. Councilman Dorriety asked where the resources would come from and the Chairman stated he was uncertain and that was the purpose of the discussion. The Chairman stated it could come from Council District Allocations or if another Capital Project Sales Tax was implemented, could this be a potential project on the ballot. He stated it didn’t have to be fully funded; Council could consider partial funding. Councilman Springs asked for clarification as to whether the Chairman was referencing infrastructure funds or contingency. The Chairman responded that that would have to be clarified as far as potential funding. Councilman Bradley asked that Council be provided specific information on the request and the potential funding sources. Chairman Caudle asked Mr. Smith to provide Council with funding options that could potentially be available. Councilman Bradley stated that Council supported FMU but wanted to go through the right process. Councilman Springs expressed concerns regarding the use of contingency funding for something of this nature that doesn’t reflect the County’s expectation of service to its citizenry. He was of the opinion that there were some key issues that Council needed to work on, one of which was employees’ salaries. The County had gone another year without any type of significant increase in pay and, in his opinion, to pull money from contingency to pay for a sign would not be a proper use of those funds. Mr. Smith stated the choices for qualifying funding would be Council District Infrastructure funding and Council District Utility funding. The Contingency Fund was very strained due to continued efforts to facilitate a seamless transition to Countywide EMS assisting with the rescue squads, so contingency would not be a good place to look. If it so desired, Council could look at the use of Fund Balance. The Chairman asked for Administration to provide a listing of resources and amounts available prior to the next meeting.
TIMMONSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
Chairman Caudle stated Council was Asked To Discuss A Path Forward On The Timmonsville Community Center As Approved By The Citizens On The Capital Project Sales Tax II (CPST II) Referendum In November 2013. Councilman Kirby provided an update on the issue. He stated the County was looking at acquiring property from School District 4 and the School District Board was scheduled to discuss the matter at its next meeting on Tuesday, October 24th. Chairman Caudle stated that for the public’s edification, Councilmen Kirby, Dorriety and himself met with the School Board on August 22nd to discuss the possibility of the Board donating land to the County for the construction of the Timmonsville Community Center. The County had committed to the Board that if the land was donated for that purpose, that the County would build the Community Center and maintain the facility for that purpose, but the School Board expressed some concerns on the issue. Councilman Kirby explained that the School District had spent approximately $200,000 demolishing the old school that was on the property. Chairman Caudle stated that for clarification, the school had previously demolished the old building before any negotiations or discussions on the County obtaining the property for the purpose of constructing a Timmonsville Community Center. Councilman Dorriety stated that the property would only appraise for about one-fourth (1/4) of the cost of the demolition and the County was not in a position to pay more than the appraised value of the property. Chairman Caudle asked Councilman Kirby if other options were being reviewed if the School District denies the donation of property. Councilman Kirby stated there were a couple of options; one being the existing Timmonsville Magistrate Office building or the old BC Moore building in Timmonsville. Councilman Kirby stated if the County could acquire the property from the School District it would allow for additional space for future recreational needs for the community. Councilman Dorriety asked the County Administrator if the County owned the property would it make it easier for the County to obtain grants in the future. Mr. Smith confirmed that it would.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:07 A.M.