

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL,
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018, 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
Waymon Mumford, Secretary-Chaplain
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

ALSO PRESENT:

Clerk of Court Doris P. O'Hara
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby
Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Dusty Owens, Emergency Management Department Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Andrew R. Stout, Museum Director
Shawn Brashear, Planning Director
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Anita D. Taylor, Human Resources Director
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Kiahnna Patterson, TV13 News Reporter
Joshua Lloyd, Morning News Staffwriter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the January 17, 2018 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. Secretary/Chaplain Mumford provided the invocation and Vice Chairman Dorriety led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Caudle welcomed everyone attending the meeting. Chairman Caudle stated he wanted to recognize a couple of special attendees. He recognized House of Representatives Member Jay Jordan who was in attendance and the newly hired Human Resources Director Anita Taylor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018

Chairman Caudle turned the gavel over to County Attorney Malloy McEachin to preside over the Election of Officers for 2018. Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Councilman Dorriety nominated Kent C. Caudle to serve as Chairman for 2018. There being no other nominations, Mr. McEachin closed the nominations. Kent C. Caudle was unanimously elected as Chairman of County Council for 2018.

Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman for 2018. Councilman Poston nominated Willard Dorriety, Jr. to serve as Vice Chairman for 2018. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Mr. McEachin opened the floor for nominations for Secretary-Chaplain for 2018. Councilman Bradley nominated Waymon Mumford as Secretary-Chaplain for 2018. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Election of officers being concluded, Mr. McEachin returned the gavel to the Chairman to conduct the meeting. Chairman Caudle stated it was an honor for him to serve the citizens of Florence County and he was honored to serve as Chairman for another year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The December 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Of County Council And The January 11, 2018 Special Called Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Kirby 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. 19-2017/18

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Tax Agreement By And Between A Company Identified As "Project Railroad" (The "Company") And Florence County, South Carolina (The "County") To Provide For The Payment Of Certain Fees In Lieu Of Taxes, The Issuance Of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2017/18

An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$5,200,000) General Obligation Bonds In One Or More Series Of Florence County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bonds Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bonds, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2017/18

An Ordinance To Convey Approximately 0.58 Acres Of Real Property Identified As A Portion Of Tax Map Parcel # 00019-04-065 To The City Of Florence For The Construction Of A New Well For The Timmons ville Water System For The Sum Of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) And As Indicated On A Survey Prepared For The City Of Florence By AECOM Dated July 19, 2017.

APPEARANCES:

There Were No Appearances Before Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There Were No Committee Reports. The Chairman asked Parks & Recreation Director Ronnie Pridgen to present information on an upcoming event. Mr. Pridgen announced that on January 23rd the department would host its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at the Lynches River County Park.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

No Resolutions Or Proclamations Were Presented.

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. 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. 15-2017/18 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2017/18: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Jack Green Located On 1680 W. Darlington Street, Florence, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90034, Block 02, Parcel 019; Consisting Of Approximately 2.06 Acres From General Commercial District (B-3) To Industrial District (B-6); And Other Matters Related Thereto. There being no motion voiced, Chairman Caudle stated the Ordinance was denied.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2017/18 – THIRD READING DEFERRED

Chairman Caudle stated Third Reading of Ordinance No. 16-2017/18 would be deferred: 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 Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreements By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Certain Companies As Sponsor And Sponsor Affiliate, Respectively, Identified Collectively For The Time Being As Project Fig, To Provide For Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentives And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; And Other Related Matters.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2017/18 – THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 17-2017/18: An Ordinance To Convey All Of Florence County’s Right, Title And Interest By Quit Claim Deed In A Portion Of A Road Labeled As Florence Avenue Between What Was Labeled As Chapman Drive And What Was Labeled As Marion Street And Not Constructed; And That Portion Of What Was Labeled Chapman Drive Between Georgetown Highway (SC 41/51) And What Was Labeled As Marion Street And Not Constructed In Or Near The Township Of Johnsonville And Both Shown On Plat Book L, Page 102 Recorded In The Clerk Of Court’s Office. Councilman Poston made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion. Councilman Poston stated County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. had some questions he would like to have answered on this issue prior to proceeding. Mr. Smith stated this Ordinance had been sort of ‘fast-tracked’ and citizens had expressed some legitimate concerns that needed to be addressed. Present at the meeting were Johnsonville City Administrator Jim Smith and representatives of the developer for the project. Tony Storino with Trust Mark Construction Corporation and Donna Bruce, General Manager with Guardian Asset Management (the company overseeing the management of the property) were present to address concerns, as well as the land surveyor.

In response to a question by Chairman Caudle, Mr. Storino responded that the project was tax credit affordable housing and provided Council with an overview of the project. The project consisted of four two-story buildings and a community building. There were a total of 37 units: 13 two bedroom/two bath units (approximately 1,000 square feet) and 24 three bedroom/ two bath units (approximately 1,250 square feet). Mr. Smith asked what the general population was expected to be per apartment and if there were any restrictions on the number of occupants. Ms. Bruce responded that only two people per bedroom would be allowed. Mr. Smith asked if the issue of the impact on the water and sewer system had been addressed with the City of Johnsonville and if studies had been

done. Mr. Storino stated he was not aware if the issue had been settled. Jim Smith stated it had not been settled formally.

Mr. McEachin asked the land surveyor if there was any deed or right-of-way to the County for the roads. The surveyor responded that a title search did not locate any deed or anything to the County for those roads. There was an old plat that was going to create a subdivision on the property but that was never constructed nor any of the improvements installed. It appeared in his opinion that this was kind of an artifact that was left over and none of the plans from the old plat were carried through but because the plat existed, they were trying to address any concerns.

Mr. Smith asked the long-term effect of the management plan. Ms. Bruce stated that the company was governed by Section 42 of the IRS Code and was also covered under Fair Housing. They controlled the applications for tenants and strived to consistently maintain the property in good condition. In response to a question by Chairman Caudle, Ms. Bruce stated that Guardian was currently in three states and currently had oversight of 34 properties. Mr. Smith asked if with limited resources in the southern area of the County, based on similar projects, what strains had they experienced with law enforcement and had the company been willing to absorb any of the costs by providing security at the property. Ms. Bruce responded that the company had not in the past provided security on the grounds. The company employed a very strict application process in that no one with a felony would be accepted as a tenant. Additionally, the company took quick action with the magistrate to evict any tenants with drug charges or felonies.

Councilman Springs asked if the property was located within the City limits of Johnsonville or in the unincorporated area of the County. Mr. Storino responded that the apartments were located in the unincorporated area and the community center was located in the City of Johnsonville. Councilman Springs asked Emergency Management Department Director Dusty Owens if it would create a problem or any confusion with Central Dispatch. Mr. Owens responded that he did not anticipate any issues from a dispatch standpoint. Whatever address was provided as the scene of a crime or incident was the address dispatch would use. Mr. Smith asked Chief Deputy Glen Kirby if there was a mutual aid contract in place with the City of Johnsonville for law enforcement. Chief Kirby affirmed that there was mutual aid in place and he did not foresee any issues from a law enforcement standpoint. In response to a question, Ms. Bruce stated the company would hire a part-time manager and part-time maintenance man. So far they had not provided any outside security for any of the properties they manage.

Councilman DeBerry asked that, since the County didn't actually hold deed/title to any of the property, if whether or not the County provided a quit claim deed, would it put the project on hold. Mr. Storino responded that the quit claim deed would help in moving the project forward but the denial of the quit claim deed would not stop the project. Mr. Smith asked when negotiations on the water/sewer would be finalized. Jim Smith stated they anticipated that all issues should be resolved in the next couple of months. Councilman Kirby asked if the City of Johnsonville had voted on the matter. Jim Smith responded that they had not taken a formal vote.

Councilman Poston made a motion to Amend the Original Motion and Defer Third Reading of the Ordinance to conduct further study on possible annexation into the City. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Motion as Amended was approved unanimously.

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. 15-2017/18 – THIRD READING REVISITED

At the request of Councilman Bradley and the Chairman, the Clerk re-published the title of Ordinance No. 15-2017/18: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Jack Green Located On 1680 W. Darlington Street, Florence, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90034, Block 02, Parcel 019; Consisting Of Approximately 2.06 Acres From General Commercial District (B-3) To Industrial District (B-6); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve Third Reading of Ordinance No. 15-2017/18. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2017/18 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 18-2017/18: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Leacon, Inc. Located On Second Loop Road And South Thomas Road, Florence, SC As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90019, Block 01, Parcels 003, 023 And 024; Consisting Of Approximately 1.535 Acres From Unzoned District (UZ) To Planned Development District (PD); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2017/18 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 19-2017/18: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Tax Agreement By And Between A Company Identified As “Project Railroad” (The “Company”) And Florence County, South Carolina (The “County”) To Provide For The Payment Of Certain Fees In Lieu Of Taxes, The Issuance Of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits, And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2017/18 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 20-2017/18: An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$5,200,000) General Obligation Bonds In One Or More Series Of Florence County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bonds Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bonds, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chairman Caudle asked Mr. Smith to provide a brief summary of the purpose and use of the bonds. Mr. Smith stated that the bonds would cover the next 18 months of payment on the installment purchase revenue bonds (IPRB) issued for the Judicial Center and the IPRB issued for the Parking Deck. The intent was to move to an October issue date rather than the current April issuance date, which would match other bonds. In essence, it would make payments for the Judicial Center on April 1, 2018, the Parking Deck and Judicial Center on October 1, 2018, the Judicial Center April 1, 2019 and would also reimburse for the Team ia, Inc. software currently being put into place. Several Council members had pushed for this in order to realize a major savings of approximately \$20 million dollars by paying early and shortening the term to 20 years. This would facilitate that plan. Debt service would not go up to pay for this and no millage would increase as a result of this effort. Mr. Smith commended Finance Director Kevin Yokim and Bond Attorney Ben Zeigler for putting this package together to save the taxpayers' money.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2017/18 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2017/18: An Ordinance To Convey Approximately ~~0.58~~ 0.638 Acres Of Real Property Identified As A Portion Of Tax Map Parcel #00019-04-065 To The City Of Florence For The Construction Of A New Well For The Timmonsville Water System For The Sum Of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) And As Indicated On A Survey Prepared For The City Of Florence By AECOM Dated July 19, 2017. Councilman Kirby made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance With Amended Title To Increase The Acreage From 0.58 Acres To 0.638 Acres. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

No Ordinances Were Presented For Introduction.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Councilman DeBerry Made A Motion To Re-Appoint Toney Moore To Serve On The Board Of Zoning Appeals, Representing Council District 6 With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

Councilman Schofield Made A Motion Council Re-Appoint Scott Collins To Serve On The Construction Board Of Adjustments And Appeals, Representing Council District 8 With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Schofield Made A Motion Council Re-Appoint Jody Bryan Lane To Serve On The Planning Commission, Representing Council District 8 With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported that Council was provided with the detailed updates for the Capital Project Sales Tax I and II.

Council was also provided updates from our Planning Department, including projects in plan review, jobs under construction, zoning requests and reports from engineering and 911 addressing. Mr. Smith reported that revenue in Planning was up over 92% or \$522,000 in the unincorporated area. He expressed special thanks to Planning Director Shawn Brashear and his hard working staff for being able to handle this very expeditiously and in a professional manner. Council was also provided informative notes from the dedicated department heads.

Mr. Smith stated that progress continued with the CPST I projects with SCDOT. Bridge construction was anticipated to be substantially complete on Sections 1 and 2 on US 378 and should be open to traffic the following month; Sections 3, 4 and 5 were substantially complete and had been opened to traffic.

On US 76, construction was substantially complete and all lanes had been opened to traffic.

Construction on the TV Road widening project was substantially complete.

Progress continued on SC 51 Sections 1 and 2 with utility relocations almost complete; the contractor continued to install storm drains and finish grade work. Also the bridge work on Willow Creek was halfway complete. Sections 3 and 4 storm drain installations, full depth patching, and initial subgrade of pavement continued and utility relocations were almost complete.

Work was progressing on the US 301 Alligator Road project.

In addition to the 284 roads already completed, the program management team was moving forward with the development of road paving and resurfacing packages for procurement in the spring as CPST II funds became available. Bid 13-17/18 had been

awarded, the Pre-Construction meeting had taken place and work would begin on January 23, 2018 for Rocking in District 2. Bid 16-17/18 for additional rocking in District 2 had been advertised with bids due on January 30th. Bid 17-17/18 for rocking in District 6 had been advertised with bids also due on January 30th.

Koppers/Estate Road remained under construction and construction work continued on additional phases for Brookgreen and Foxcroft.

Engineering of the Dargan Street and Sopkin Avenue sidewalk projects was underway.

Steel framing for the canteen building at the Johnsonville Ball Field was complete. Interior metal studs were up and electrical rough-in work was complete. According to County Recreation Director Ronnie Pridgen the project was shaping up well and approximately 80% complete.

The old B. C. Moore building in Timmonsville had been torn down; sand-clay should be hauled in to the site in the next 4 – 5 days and the site graded. The County was proceeding with solicitation for construction of the new community center and EMS Station with proposals due by the third week in February, so this item should be on the March Agenda. Staff would attempt to cluster those projects in an effort to keep costs down.

There were still numerous projects currently either under construction or advertised for construction in the various towns and cities in the County.

While the County's Get Bitter Against Litter campaign continued, the numbers for December and January were not as impressive due to the cold weather. A total of 141 litter citations were written in 2017 with \$47,945 in fines collected. Nearly 310 miles of roads were cleaned with an astounding 463,583 pounds of litter removed from our roadways.

The Florence County Animal Shelter assisted in the adoption of 205 animals during the month of December, bringing the total for 2017 to 965 animals adopted.

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2018 Through November 30, 2017 As An Item For The Record.

CLERK OF COURT

BUDGET NEUTRAL SALARY INCREASE

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Authorize Budget Neutral Salary Increases For Various Positions Within The Clerk Of Court's Departments, Including The Clerk Of Court. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMS/FINANCE/PROCUREMENT

AWARD RFP NO. 11-17/18

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award RFP No. 11-17/18, For EMS Billing, Collection, And Posting Services To EMS Management & Consultants, Inc. Of Winston-Salem, NC In The Amount Not To Exceed 5.6% Of The Net Amount Of EMS Billing Revenue Collected And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate A Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from Councilman Caudle regarding local vendors, Mr. Smith stated a local company was notified and given the opportunity to respond, however no response was received. Mr. Smith stated that this service would not only assist the County with extra collection services, but since the staff of the vendor were subject matter experts they would be able to assist EMS as they go through the billing process to ensure accuracy with the billing data. It was anticipated that by engaging in this service the County should realize a net enhancement of revenues of approximately \$150,000 – \$180,000.

FINANCE

JUNE 30, 2017 AUDIT ACCEPTANCE

Mr. Smith asked Finance Director Kevin Yokim to introduce the representative with Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC auditing firm and present information on the June 30, 2017 Audit. Mr. Yokim directed Council's attention to page 11 of the Audit book and announced that the County received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Audit for June 20, 2016. He stated further that the County submitted the June 30, 2017 Audit and was confident the County would once again receive the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, which would make 20 consecutive years that the County received that recognition. He expressed appreciation to Accounting Manager Kathy Coker for the excellent job she did in working on the Audit. He introduced Brian D'Amico who provided a brief overview of the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Audit. Mr. D'Amico stated he wanted to acknowledge Kevin Yokim and the staff in the Finance office because that staff prepared every page in the document so that Elliott Davis could truly function as auditors and that was not the 'norm' in the industry. An unmodified opinion, which was considered a 'clean' opinion, was issued. One of the new reporting standards that took effect was GASB77 which required tax abatement disclosures on FILOTs versus a 10.5% tax rate, which was provided on page 80 of the Audit. One item of note was that the County actually collected just over \$900,000 more through the FILOT than it would have collected via ad valorem taxes. The new standard to be on the lookout for next year would be GASB75 (very similar to GASB68 relating to pension liability reporting) related to other post-employment benefits provided to retirees. Councilman Kirby asked how many counties the firm audited in South Carolina and how Florence County performed against the other counties. Mr. D'Amico estimated the firm audited approximately eight other counties in South Carolina. He stated one fact he looked at was the unassigned fund balance in the general fund and the GFOA would like to see about two months but Florence County had about three months of funding available in the general fund fund balance. Councilman

Kirby stated the County had been aggressive in capital improvements over the last several years and asked if there was anything that might have a negative impact on the County relating to those investments and bond issuances. Mr. D'Amico responded that it appeared from a financial standpoint that the County had reinvested in the County and it was encouraging. Councilman Dorriety commented he was glad to hear the County was doing well with a three month reserve of funds. He asked if there was any way they could provide a comparison of Florence County to the other counties in the State. Mr. D'Amico stated that could certainly be a project for the auditing firm to provide that comparison. Councilman Dorriety stated Council was continually trying to find ways to come up with funding and that County employees were in need of salary increases. He commended Mr. Smith, Mr. Yokim and staff for being conservative and preserving the County finances. Mr. D'Amico commented the County had a very strong financial staff and it was a pleasure to work with a County that was fiscally responsible. Chairman Caudle asked if part of the services they provided was to make recommendations to the County if there were deficiencies or items noted that could be improved. Mr. D'Amico confirmed that they did provide recommendations that would be considered 'best practices' but would not be included in the audit as a 'finding.' Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Accept The Audit For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

LIBRARY/PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION AND DONATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Declare One (1) Minolta Microfilm Reader, Fixed Asset Tag #50361, As Surplus Property And Authorize The Donation Of Said Equipment To The Three Rivers Genealogical Society Of Lake City. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

FILL DIRT

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator To Haul Approximately 6,688 CY Of Fill Dirt From The County Borrow Pit To Assist With The Construction Of The Road Base On Byrnes Boulevard In An Amount Of \$39,585 To Be Funded From General Fund Fund Balance; To Authorize The County Administrator To Haul Approximately 1,443 CY Of Fill Dirt From The County Borrow Pit To Assist With The Construction Of The Road Base On W. Hampton Pointe Drive At An Estimated Cost Of \$15,931 To Be Funded From General Fund Fund Balance; And Authorize Public Works To Haul Approximately 640 CY Of Fill Dirt From The County Borrow Pit And Provide Approximately 10 CY Of Concrete To The Lake City Community Park To Assist With Repair Of The Reservoir To Be Funded From Public Works FY 18 Departmental Funds, Pending County Attorney Approval. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman DeBerry expressed appreciation to Mr. Smith, Public Works Director Carlie Gregg, and Mr. McEachin for their hard work on this project, which has been a legal battle determining a resolution to assist citizens. Councilman Dorriety expressed his appreciation, as well.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 14-17/18

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Award Bid No. 14-17/18 For 7,540 Cubic Yards Of Sand Clay Hauling For Byrnes Boulevard To Kirven Construction Of Darlington, SC In The Amount Of \$39,585.00 To Be Funded From General Fund Fund Balance. *(4 Compliant Bids Received)*. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$10,000 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist Francis Marion University With A Nonrecurring Capital Project For Replacement Signage. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

HALF MOON LANDING

Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$4,600 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Install A New Swing Set And Safety Surface At The Half Moon Landing. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

HISTORICAL MEMORIAL BRONZE SCULPTURE

Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$5,000 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For A Historical Memorial Bronze Sculpture Of Florence Henning Harllee, General William Wallace Harllee, And The Railroad. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion. Councilman Dorriety made a motion to Amend The Motion To Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,000 From Council District 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocation For The Project. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Motion as amended was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Dorriety 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 Potential Real Property Transaction/Acquisition. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 10:12 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

Chairman Caudle stated no action was taken in Executive Session

MCKENZIE PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Acquire 6.347 Acres, The McKenzie Tract, For The Amount Not To Exceed \$121,000 With Funding To Be Taken From The General Fund Fund Balance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Caudle stated that this would expand the footprint of the Greenwood Athletic Park where the new Miracle League was located.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:44 A.M.