REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, 
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018, 9:00 A.M., COUNTY COMPLEX, 
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 803, 180 N. IRBY STREET, 
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

PRESENT:
Kent C. Caudle, Chairman
Willard Dorrity, 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
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Shawn Brashear, Planning Director
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Jamie Floyd, Deputy Tax Assessor
Dale Rauch, Senior Facilities Coordinator
Perry Strickland, Assistant to the Administrator
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Randy Godbold, Veterans Affairs Officer
Andrew Boardwine, Morning News Staffwriter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 14, 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 Dorrity led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Caudle welcomed everyone attending the meeting.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Of County Council And The January 25, 2018 Special Called Meeting Of County Council. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
The Clerk published the title and the Chairman declared the Public Hearing opened for the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2017/18
An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Evergreen To Provide For The Inclusion Of A Proposed Expansion In The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, The Provision Of Special Source Revenue Credits Thereunder, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

CECILIA L. MEGGS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES
Ms. Meggs Appeared Before Council To Request Assistance Of Up To $24,000 With A Nonrecurring Capital Project To Retire The Mortgage For The Lighthouse Ministries’ New Building Located At 1416 W. Evans Street, Florence. Through the programs offered by Lighthouse Ministries in 2017, over 2,000 households (over 3,000 persons) were served by meeting their basic needs, such as utility, rent, or life preserving medications. Lighthouse Ministries has served the community for more than 20 years with more than 50 active volunteers. Chairman Caudle thanked Ms. Meggs for her presentation and the service that the Lighthouse Ministries provided to the community. He stated the County had just begun the Fiscal Year 2019 budget process and that her request would be received as information.

ASHLEY CHRISTENBURY – JUNIOR LEADERSHIP FLORENCE
Ms. Christenbury Appeared Before Council To Provide Information Regarding The Junior Leadership Florence Program Offered By The Greater Florence Chamber Of Commerce And Introduced The Current Group, Comprised Of Students From Public And Private Schools Across The County, As Well As Sponsors Cody Simpson of Francis Marion University And Ms. Truesdale Of Clemson Extension Office. Councilman Mumford commented that this was a wonderful program and provided students with the opportunity to see what was going on in the real world outside of the school setting. Chairman Caudle thanked Ms. Christenbury and encouraged the Junior Leadership Florence participants (24 participants) to continue their educational path to success and leadership.
COMMITTEE REPORTS:
There Were No Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:
No Resolutions Or Proclamations Were Presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
There being no signatures on the sign-in sheet for Public Hearing, the Chairman closed the Public Hearing. (The sign-in sheet is 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 TMS# 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. 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 Springs made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
ORDINANCE NO. 18-2017/18 – THIRD 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 Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2017/18 – THIRD 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 David C. Poole Company, Inc. (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 Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2017/18 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 21-2017/18: An Ordinance To Convey Approximately 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 Dorriety made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which 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. 22-2017/18 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 22-2017/18: An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Evergreen To Provide For The Inclusion Of A Proposed Expansion In The Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, The Provision Of Special Source Revenue Credits Thereunder, And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
The Clerk published the titles and the Chairman declared the following Ordinances Introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2017/18 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Dion Cooper Ard Annie Goodrum Located On 419 Green Haven Avenue, Lake City, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00169, Block 31, Parcel 008; Consisting Of Approximately 0.178 Acres From B-3, General Commercial District To RU-1, Rural Community District; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2017/18 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Marion County, Such Industrial And Business Park To Include Property Initially Located In Marion County And Established Pursuant To Sec. 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, To Provide For A Written Agreement With Marion County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2017/18 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance To Develop A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial And Business Park In Conjunction With Williamsburg County, Such Industrial And Business Park To Include Property Initially Located In Williamsburg County And Established Pursuant To Sec. 4-1-170 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, To Provide For A Written Agreement With Williamsburg County To Provide For The Expenses Of The Park, The Percentage Of Revenue Application, And The Distribution Of Fees In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxation; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:
CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS
Councilman Poston Made A Motion To Re-Appoint Richard Miller To Serve On The Construction Board Of Adjustment And Appeals, Representing Council District 2 With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
FLORENCE COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD
Councilman Mumford Made A Motion Council approve the Appointment of Mary Gregg To Serve On The Florence County Museum Board Representing Council District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Dorriety asked that Council defer the request for the Re<Appointment Of Brenda Dorman To Serve On The Florence County Museum Board Representing Council District 9, With Appropriate Expiration Term. There were no objections voiced.

Councilman Bradley Made A Motion Council approve the Appointment of Craig Boatwright To Serve On The Florence County Museum Board Representing Council District 3, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

POLICY COMMISSION ON RECREATION
Councilman DeBerry Made A Motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of William L. ‘Sam’ Breeden, Jr. To Serve On The Policy Commission On Recreation Representing Council District 6, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Bradley Made A Motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of Kenny Lovette To Serve On The Policy Commission On Recreation Representing Council District 3, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SENIOR CENTER COMMISSION
Councilman DeBerry Made A Motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of Mary Baker To Serve On The Senior Center Commission Representing Council District 6, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Chairman Caudle Stated The Request He Received From The Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority Would Be Deferred.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Councilman Bradley Made A Motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Brenda Deas To Serve On The Board of Zoning Appeals Representing Council District 3, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD
Councilman Bradley Made A Motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of Terry Dingle To Serve On The Economic Development Partnership Board Representing Council District 3, 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, as well as updates from the Planning Department, (including projects in plan review, jobs under construction, zoning requests and reports from engineering and 911 addressing) and updated notes from department heads.

Mr. Smith stated that progress continued with the CPST I projects. All sections of work on US 378 were substantially complete and had been opened to traffic. He stated the bridge was open and it was a wonderful entranceway to Florence County.

On the US 76 road widening project, construction was substantially complete, final drainage items on the project were being completed and all lanes had been opened to traffic. Right of Way acquisition had started on the alternate truck route for US 76 in the Town of Timmonsville and construction would start in the summer of 2018.

Construction on the TV Road widening project was substantially complete.

On the SC 51 road widening project, utility relocations were nearing completion in Sections 1 & 2 and the contractor continued to install storm drainage and perform grading work; the bridge work on Willow Creek was halfway complete. The SCDOT and County approved the contractor’s request to close and detour the portion of SC51 from Seven Mile Road to Turner Gate Road for the installation of two culverts that would alleviate a major drainage problem, beginning March 5th for approximately 3 weeks. Storm drain installations, full depth patching, and initial subgrade of pavement along with utility relocations were almost complete on Sections 3 & 4. Bridge work over Little Swamp had begun and pile driving was ongoing.

On the Alligator Road project, preliminary design was underway for a 5-lane typical section from US 52 to Knollwood Road and a 3-lane typical section from Knollwood Road to US 76. Right of Way plans had been finalized and right of way acquisition was underway.

Road work under Section XIII of the CPST II continued. As was previously reported, 284 roads had already been completed and an additional 10 roads were under contract for 6” MBC Stone. There were three bids before Council for consideration at that meeting for rocking projects in District 2 and District 6. Bids had been advertised for roadway improvement projects in Districts 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9 with bids due on February 28th. Additional bids for road projects in Districts 1 and 4 would be assembled for bidding soon.

Koppers/Estate Road remained under construction and work continued on Brookgreen and Foxcroft Subdivisions.
Engineering of the Dargan Street and Sopkin Avenue sidewalk projects was currently underway.

The canteen at the new Johnsonville ballfield was under construction and the punch list should be developed February 16th with opening day anticipated to be hosted on April 7th.

As was stated in the January report, the weather conditions were not ideal for the Get Bitter Against Litter campaign but crews cleared 1.2 miles of roadway and collected 576 pounds of litter.

The Florence County Animal Shelter assisted in the adoption of 4 animals during the month of January and rescued 101 animals.

Mr. Smith advised that the Greater Lake City Community Development Office in conjunction with Farmer’s Telephone would like to place a Wi-Fi unit at the County Library in Lake City. This device would be about the size of the cameras mounted in town and would be placed on the respective building at the Library. Councilman Springs concurred with the project and there being no objections voiced by members of Council, Mr. Smith stated the County would proceed with approval/acceptance for the devices to be installed.

ADMINISTRATION

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

MUSEUM

CSS PEE DEE GUNS MOUNT FABRICATION
Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve An Amount Not To Exceed $75,000.00 From Local Hospitality Tax Fund Fund Balance For The Fabrication Of The Required Mounts And Site Work Required To Display The CSS Pee Dee Guns That Were Recovered From The Pee Dee Gunboat. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT/PUBLIC WORKS

AWARD BID NO. 16-17/18
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Award Bid No. 16-17/18 For 6” MBC Stone For District 2 Roads (Phase II) To Green Dream International, LLC Of Alexandria, VA In The Amount Of $410,661.60 To Be Funded From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
AWARD BID NO. 17-17/18
Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Award Bid No. 17-17/18 For 6” MBC Stone For District 6 Roads To Green Dream International, LLC Of Alexandria, VA In The Amount Of $283,038.75 To Be Funded From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD BID NO. 18-17/18
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Award Bid No. 18-17/18 For 6” MBC Stone For District 2 Roads (Phase III) To Kirven Construction, Inc. Of Darlington, SC In The Amount Of $307,017.00 To Be Funded From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/FACILITIES

PURCHASE OF A WORK VAN
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize The Purchase Of A 2017 Chevrolet Express Van From Love Chevrolet For The Facilities Department In The Amount Of Approximately $28,137 From The Complex Capital Project Fund, To Replace An Existing Pickup Truck That Is Operationally Inefficient. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Caudle stated that when he saw this item on the Agenda he questioned why it was not being purchased from a local dealer but staff had done its due diligence and this was by far the best deal for the County.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

FRANCIS MARION RECREATION ATHLETIC COMPLEX
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Up To $3,000 From Council Districts 3, 6, & 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocation ($1,000 From Each District) To Replace Two Portable Pitching Mounds And One Batting Cage Net At Francis Marion Recreation Park. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

GREENWOOD ATHLETIC COMPLEX
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Up To $5,000 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Replace Two Roll-Up Doors At The Canteen Located At The Greenwood Athletic Complex. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which 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 a Real Estate Matter. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
Council entered Executive Session at 9:31 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

Chairman Caudle stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

**PROJECT FLAMINGO**
Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator And County Attorney To Negotiate An Economic Development Agreement Between The County And Project Flamingo Concerning The Prospective Location Of A Business In The Historic District In Downtown Florence. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

**COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:12 A.M.**

WAYMON MUMFORD  
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN

CONNIE Y. HASELDEN  
CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL
AFFADAVIT OF INSERTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF FLORENCE

Personally appeared before me Carrie Lloyd

The Legal Clerk for the Morning News, a daily newspaper published in the City of Florence, County of Florence, and the State of South Carolina said that the attached advertisement was published on __________, __________ and 2/14/18 as shown by the files as said company.

Carrie Lloyd

Sworn and subscribed before me this 14 day of Feb., 2018

Kim S. Furr

Notary Public South Carolina

Commissions expire: 10/21/29

FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF MEETING

The Florence County Council will hold its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 9:00 A. M.

Florence County Complex
Council Chambers, Room 803
180 North Irby Street
Florence, SC

The agenda for the meeting can be reviewed in County Council's Office at the Doctors Bruce and Lee Foundation Public Library and all branch libraries, or the County website at www.florenceco.org.

Florence County accommodates individuals needing assistance to participate in programs, services, or activities sponsored by the County in compliance with ADA/Section 504.

February 14, 2018
Connie Y. Haselden
Clerk to Council

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PUBLIC HEARING

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