REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 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, EMD Director
Ryon Watkins, EMS Director
Ronnie Pridgen, Parks & Recreation Department Director
Jack Newsome, Tax Assessor
Shawn Brashear, Planning Director
Jamie Floyd, Deputy Tax Assessor
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Katherine McCain, Administrative Manager, FCSO
Mitch Fulmore, 911 Manager
Perry Strickland, Assistant to the Administrator
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Matt Christian, Morning News Staffwriter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the April 18, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The March 15, 2018 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:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2017/18
A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of Paisley Road (End Section) Located In The Lake City Area Of Florence County.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2017/18 (Company Requested Deferral To May Meeting)
An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution And Delivery Of An Infrastructure Credit Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Meadowlark, To Provide For Special Source Revenue Credits; (2) The Inclusion Of Property To Be Owned Or Operated By Project Meadowlark In A Joint County Industrial Park; And (3) Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2017/18
An Ordinance Authorizing A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Care, Providing For The Payment Of A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

ELLEN HAMILTON – PEE DEE COALITION
Ms. Hamilton Requested To Appear Before Council To Introduce A New Representative, Briefly Address That April Is Sexual Assault Awareness And Child Abuse Prevention Month, And Share An Exciting New Expansion Effort For The Durant Children’s Center. However, Ms. Hamilton was unable to attend and Ms. Gloria Davis McClary, Director for the Durant Children’s Center presented information on behalf of Pee Dee Coalition and expressed appreciation for Council’s support. Ms. McClary announced that the Durant Children’s Center would be expanding its services into Sumter County to address needs in that area. Additionally, thanks in part to funding provided by the County, the Pee Dee Coalition was able to hire a Nurse Practitioner and a Therapist. She introduced Mr. Redmond Smith, the new head of the prevention team at the Coalition. Chairman Caudle thanked Ms. McClary for her presentation and commended the Coalition for the work they do in the community. He welcomed Mr. Smith and wished him the best in his new role.
JENNIFER KING, CEO PD REALTORS & MRS. KEON ALDRICH, EXP REALTY
Ms. King and Mrs. Aldrich Requested To Appear Before Council To Provide A 2017 ‘Year In Review’ And A 2018 Year To Date Update On The Status Of The Housing Market In Florence County. Ms. King stated Mrs. Aldrich was unable to attend but Samantha Carter, President Elect of the Pee Dee Realtors Association was present. Ms. King provided statistics for the housing market in Florence County. She stated that the total closed sales were up 10.3%, with a large percentage of growth being in the lower end market ($100,000 or less). Prices continued to rise in the Florence market and buyers had become more selective, leaning more toward new homes. Florence was named by Realtor.com as the number one city in the nation to ‘age in place.’ Chairman Caudle thanked Ms. King and Ms. Carter for their appearance.

CHARLES M. MACNEIL – PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Mr. MacNeil Appeared Before Council To Provide A Report Of The Year-To-Date Trip Activity Of Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority (PDRTA) Services In Florence County And Its Plans For FY2019. Mr. MacNeil advised that Florence-Darlington Technical College assisted in the implementation of a twice-a-week service from Lake City to Florence so that students in the satellite campus in Lake City could travel to the main campus in Florence. They were also looking at adding similar services from Hartsville and were already offering services from Mullins. The most recent survey completed by service users indicated that users were either traveling to work or an educational institution, so the people using the service were helping to stimulate the economy. There were professors at FMU and medical professionals from McLeod that utilized the services. The downtown shuttle service was well received and had gained support from various entities. Mr. MacNeil announced that a grant was received from SCDOT and that PDRTA had coupled that grant with old federal grant monies to purchase three buses to begin fleet replacement/upgrades. The total cost of the buses was about $1.3 million and all three were purchased using grant monies. Councilman Kirby asked if there was still a route from Timmonsville to Darlington. Mr. MacNeil responded that unfortunately very few people utilized that service, which was funded by Genesis Healthcare, a private partner, and the service was converted to provide a demand-response service two days per week for Lamar and Timmonsville.

CECILIA L. MEGGS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRIES
April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month And Ms. Meggs Appeared Before Council To Present Information About The Programs Offered By Lighthouse Ministries To Support Child Abuse Prevention. Ms. Meggs expressed appreciation to Pee Dee Coalition and PDRTA for the great resources they provided to the community. Lighthouse Ministries offered two programs to assist in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. One program offered was the Working Mothers Education & Support Program, which was a six month comprehensive program that offered parenting classes focusing on stress management as well as money management. Participants received free diapers, wipes, laundry detergent, etc. The program was funded by grants and donations from the Wells Fargo Foundation, Women in Philanthropy, Kiwanis and other community supporters. Since 2006, the program had served over 300 families with 750 children. An additional program, Strengthening Families for families with children aged 6 to 11, was an evidence-based program that worked closely with families to teach effective parenting and reduce
problem behaviors, teaching families to communicate. The Lighthouse Ministries partners with the Children’s Trust of South Carolina through The Duke Endowment and DSS. Since 2016, 35 families had been served with 80 children. Transportation, child care and family meals were provided as part of the program in an effort to remove barriers that would prohibit some families from participating. Chairman Caudle thanked Ms. Meggs for her presentation and the services provided to the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
There Were No Reports. Councilman Bradley stated he wanted to mention that the recent ‘meet and greet’ held at the newly expanded Florence Center was an excellent event and was well attended. He expressed appreciation to Council for its support of the expansion. Chairman Caudle stated that Councilman Bradley made a comment at the event that no property tax dollars were used for the $16 million expansion, that it was funded by accommodations tax.

Councilman Springs announced that the Grand Opening celebration of the new Lake City Park was scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday, April 20th. He encouraged everyone to attend and stated that it would not be possible without County staff. County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., Administrative Services Director Suzanne King and Parks & Recreation Department Director Ronnie Pridgen had done an excellent job in getting this park up and running.

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.)

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION
The Clerk published in its entirety Resolutions Of Recognition For The 2018 Kings Academy “Lions” Sporting Clays Ladies’ Team For Earning The 2018 SCISA Sporting Clays State Runner-Up Title, The Men’s Team For Earning The 2018 SCISA Sporting Clays State Championship, And The Coaches. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve the Resolutions as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Dorriety presented the two teams and coaches with framed resolutions and commended them for a job well done.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
Councilman Mumford made a motion to Amend The April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting Agenda In Order To Recognize A Visiting Group At The Meeting – The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Chairman asked the Florence Chapter Sorority President Hilton Cooper to come forward. Ms. Cooper provided a brief overview of the organization and its functions. Councilman Mumford stated the Sorority was founded in 1913 by twenty-two women on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D. C. and remains true to its mission of community service and support of educational opportunities for all. He commended the group for its accomplishments and the community service provided.
RESOLUTION NO. 12-2017/18
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 12-2017/18: A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of Paisley Road (End Portion) In The Lake City Area Of Florence County. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2017/18
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 13-2017/18: A Resolution Identifying A Project To Satisfy The Requirements Of Title 12, Chapter 44 Of The South Carolina Code, So As To Allow Investment Expenditures Incurred By A Company Known To The County As Project Care To Qualify As Expenditures Eligible For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Arrangement With Florence County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2017/18
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 14-2017/18: A Resolution To Amend Section 4 Of Resolution No. 5-2009/10 In Order To Authorize The Inclusion Of One Additional Participant In The South Carolina Procurement Card Program. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2017/18 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 02-2017/18: 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. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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. 23-2017/18 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 23-2017/18: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Dion Cooper And 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. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2017/18 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 24-2017/18: 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. Councilman Bradley made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2017/18 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 25-2017/18: 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. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield 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, Pamlico 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. 26-2017/18 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 26-2017/18: An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution And Delivery Of An Infrastructure Credit Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Meadowlark, To Provide For Special Source Revenue Credits; (2) The Inclusion Of Property To Be Owned Or Operated By Project Meadowlark In A Joint County Industrial Park; And (3) Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2017/18 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 27-2017/18: An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement By And Between Project Care (The “Company”) And Florence County, South Carolina (The “County”) And Project Care, Whereby The County Will Enter Into A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement With The Company Providing For The Payment By The Company Of Certain A—Fees-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance With Amended Title. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2017/18 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Florence County Located On W. Main Street, Timmonsville, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 70013, Block 01, Portions Of Parcels 001 And 002; Consisting Of Approximately 1.48 Acres From Single Family Residential District (R-3) To General Commercial District (B-4); And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2017/18
An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Jeffery A. Weekfall Located On 304 E. Fifth Avenue, Pamplico, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 60006, Block 10, Parcel 016; Consisting Of Approximately 0.384 acres From Multi-Family Residential District (R-5) To Rural Community District (RU-1); And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2017/18
An Ordinance To Ratify FY18 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2018/19
An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 And Ending June 30, 2019; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.
ORDINANCE NO. 31-2017/18
An Ordinance Approving A Process To Recognize The Inclusion Of The Area Of The West Florence Rural Volunteer Fire District, Created By Ordinance No. 31-2006/07, Into The Florence County Fire Protection District, Created By Ordinance No. 18-2013/14.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of James Cooper, Jr. To Serve On The Board Of Zoning Appeals, Representing Council District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Alan N. Walden To Serve On The Unified Fire District Finance Advisory Committee To The Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator, Representing The Windy Hill Fire District. Councilman Schofield 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 the informative updates from the Planning Department, including projects in plan review, jobs under construction, zoning requests and reports from engineering and 911 addressing, and the enlightening notes from the March 28th department heads meeting.

Mr. Smith stated that progress continued with the CPST I projects. As was previously reported, all Sections of work on US 378 were substantially complete and opened to traffic.

On the US 76 project, all lanes had been opened to traffic and construction was substantially complete with final drainage items currently being completed. As was stated earlier, Right of Way acquisition had started on the alternate truck route for US 76 in the Town of Timmonsville and construction should begin in the summer of 2018.

Construction on the TV Road widening project was substantially complete.

Utility relocations were nearing completion in Sections 1 & 2 of the SC 51 widening project and the contractor continued to install storm drainage and perform grading work. The bridge work at Willow Creek was halfway complete. A detour had been put in place for a portion of SC 51 from Seven Mile Road to Turner Gate Road for installation of two culverts. The detour would be on Turner Gate Road, Kennedy Haines Road and Seven Mile Road with anticipated completion by May 7th. Storm drainage installations, full
depth patching, and initial subgrade of pavement along with utility relocations continued and were almost complete on Sections 3 & 4. Bridge work over Little Swamp was halfway complete. Mr. Smith stated that he and Councilman Poston had been dealing with drainage issues in the Town of Pamplico, which were being investigated with the engineers, Pamplico Mayor and SCDOT. The much needed projects would be added to the contract through a change order at the appropriate time.

Design work continued for the 5-lane typical section from US 52 to Knollwood Road and the 3-lane typical section from Knollwood Road to US 76 for the Alligator Road widening project. Right of Way acquisition was underway and final construction plans were being reviewed for improvements at the intersection of Alligator Road and South Irby, which would be contracted out for construction prior to widening of that busy intersection.

Progress continued on road work under Section XIII of the CPST II. As of that date, 302 roads had been completed and 15 were under contract for 6” MBC Stone. Approximately 19.63 miles of road projects were under construction. Rocking continued in Districts 2 and 6 and dirt to pave projects were under construction in Districts 1 and 5 with resurfacing projects under construction in Districts 3, 7, 8 and 9. Bid No. 30-17/18 for dirt to pave projects in District 4 was on the Agenda for Council approval that morning.

Construction continued on Koppers/Estate Road as well as Brookgreen and Foxcroft Subdivisions.

Surveys were complete and design underway for the Dargan Street and Sopkin Avenue sidewalk projects.

Mr. Smith stated Councilman Poston was to be commended for his continued effort on behalf of Johnsonville for the new Johnsonville ballfield, which was completed with ribbon cutting and opening ceremonies of the new athletic complex scheduled for Friday, April 20th at 5:30 p.m.

The County continued its Get Bitter Against Litter campaign, but the weather and shortage of employees had not cooperated in recent months. Seven citations were written and $936 in fines collected. However, with warmer weather and the resolve of staffing issues, he anticipated the numbers and progress would improve in the coming months.

During the month of March the Florence County Animal Shelter assisted in the adoption of 8 animals and rescued 57 animals.

He stated that, as Council was aware, the County had an exceptional staff and he wanted to recognize Florence County Museum Director Andrew Stout for his recent election to serve as President of the South Carolina Federation of Museums. Also, Ryon Watkins would be chairing a committee to work with the State EMS Association to address workforce issues State-wide.
Mr. Smith commented that as Councilman Springs had already stated, the County had yet another very 'auspicious' occasion planned in Florence County Friday afternoon, April 20th with the Ribbon Cutting at the new Lake City Park.

He advised that there were some issues with the elevator at the Planning building. Staff was working with Otis Elevator and a recommendation would be forthcoming for Council at a future meeting.

Mr. Smith said he wanted to finish his report with some good news. A memo was sent out to Council the previous day advising that the U S Department of Veterans Affairs sent notification that funds were available for the new construction of a 108 bed VA Nursing Home Facility in Florence. He said this was another example of local, State and Federal governments working together. Several members of Council had met with State and Federal officials when the grand opening of the VA Center on National Cemetery Road was held last June to facilitate this project and this would be an outstanding addition to the Florence area for our veterans.

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS
Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2018 Through February 28, 2018 As An Item For The Record.

JOHNSONVILLE MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE LEASE
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Execution Of A Lease Agreement Between Florence County And Roger N. Langley For Lease Of Property Located At 1114 East Broadway Street, Johnsonville, SC Currently Being Used As The Johnsonville Magistrate’s Office In A Monthly Lease Amount Of $500 For A Period Of Five Years With An Option For An Additional Five Year Term. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/SOLICITOR

LEASE EXTENSION ADDENDUM WITH FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY
Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A Lease Extension Addendum With The Francis Marion University Education Foundation For Office Space In The Old Post Office Located At 201 West Evans Street With An Expiration Of December 31, 2018 In The Amount Of $5,372.91 Per Month. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Councilman Kirby asked if the County didn’t have space to move those offices over to the Complex since the judicial offices had been moved. Mr. Smith responded that renovations needed to be completed prior to transitioning those offices into the complex. He stated he had met with Solicitor Clements and discussed the renovations with Mr. Yokim to facilitate the work. He commended the Facilities department for the work they do with renovations and the tremendous amount of savings the County experienced. In response to a question from Councilman Kirby, Mr. Smith responded that hopefully the renovations would be complete in the next three months.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

RADIO COVERAGE ENHANCEMENT – JOHNSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Authorize The Purchase Of A Bi-Directional Amplifier To Enhance Radio Coverage For SROs In The Johnsonville High School In An Amount Not To Exceed $26,500 From First Responder Inoperability Grant Funds. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from Councilman Dorriety, Mr. Smith responded that the SROs were County officers. In response to a question from Chairman Caudle, Councilman Poston stated that Mr. Smith was working with the School District 2 Superintendent Neal Vincent, but the issues in Pamplico were not as pressing as the issues in Johnsonville. Mr. Smith stated he had been working with Chief Deputy Kirby and Emergency Management Department Director Dusty Owens to resolve these issues Countywide and the standard for this coverage was considered 95/95 which indicated that 95% of the time the County experienced 95% coverage. However, certain construction materials prohibited radio waves within some of the structures. Mr. Smith had formed a committee to review the problematic areas within the County as well as a resolution to the issues faced. The bi-directional amplifier had been identified as the best resolution for Johnsonville by enhancing radio coverage in the building. This was just the beginning of resolving radio coverage issues throughout the County.

EMS

BUDGET NEUTRAL SALARY INCREASE
Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Authorize Budget Neutral Salary Increases For Three Positions In The Emergency Medical Services Department: Clerk III – Slot 13, Secretary III – Slot 14 And Maintenance And Logistics Coordinator – Slot 54. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare Two (2) Vehicles, One (1) Trailer, And One (1) Motorgrader As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 30-17/18
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Award Bid No. 30-17/18, Dirt Road Paving For District 4 Roads (Phase II) In The Amount Of $361,846.00 To C. R. Jackson Of Florence, SC From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
SHERIFF’S OFFICE

BUDGET NEUTRAL SALARY INCREASES
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Authorize Budget Neutral Salary Increases Of More Than 5% In Salary For One Promotion In The Sheriff’s Office (Slot 110-120) And One Promotion In The Detention Center (Slot 200-160) To Be Funded From FY18 Budgeted Funds. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from Councilman Mumford regarding the percentage of increase, Mr. Smith responded that it would be at the current budgeted salary for those positions but the individuals moving into the slots were highly qualified and the department was requesting an increase above the 5% allowed under the County Policy that a department could provide without the approval of the County Administrator. Florence County Sheriff’s Office Administrative Manager Katherine McCain responded that the requested increases were higher than 5% but less than 10% above the employees’ current salaries.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE/DETENTION CENTER

BUDGET NEUTRAL SALARY INCREASES
Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Authorize A Budget Neutral Salary Increase Of More Than 10% Above The Minimum For A Position In The Detention Center (Slot 200-170) To Be Funded From FY18 Budgeted Funds. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to questions from Councilmen Mumford and Springs, Chief Deputy Glen Kirby responded that the Sheriff’s Office was asking Council to approve the hiring of a new employee at the salary level of the most recent employee in the open position, due to the fact that the new hire was already trained and knowledgeable in the tasks assigned to that position. Chief Kirby stated the department would actually yield a savings. Councilman Mumford stated that in the future he would like to see the exact percentage rather than “more than 10% above the minimum.”

PROCUREMENT

HDR ENGINEERING, INC. – CONTRACT FOR CEI SERVICES
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize HDR Engineering, Inc. From The Engineering On-Call List To Provide Construction Engineering And Inspection Services (CEI) For Dirt Road Paving Projects In District 4 In The Amount Of $48,500 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Caudle stated it seemed counter-intuitive to him to hire someone to ensure the company the County contracts with to perform road work does it correctly. Councilman Springs stated that there were poor contractors out there and the County needed someone in place to ensure the work was performed based on the contract to try to avoid issues down the road. At the request of Mr. Smith, Project Manager Todd Warren with Davis & Floyd responded that essentially the Chairman was correct but that, while it may seem counterintuitive, it was necessary. An engineer had the expertise to ensure the contractors were performing the work up to
the standards required on each road project. Councilman Schofield stated that since the County does not have an engineer on staff to provide oversight on these type projects, this was necessary to ensure the County was essentially getting what it paid for with the contractor and that the work was up to standard. Mr. Smith stated that to clarify and give examples of some of the responsibilities of the engineer, CEI services included on-site monitoring of the projects, weather conditions, number and types of work crews on-site, work in progress, quality of work, implementing corrective measures for defective work, providing instructions to the contractors and they were also responsible for final inspections to ensure the contractor performed the work the County paid for and that the work was up to standard. These projects would be completed with a concrete stabilized earth base course and then the hot mix asphalt. Mr. Warren added that the CEI would provide the technical aspect that the contractor may not have expertise in, which would protect the integrity of the work for the County. Councilman Kirby expressed his appreciation for the service Mr. Warren had provided to the County with all of the recent projects.

ADMINISTRATION/PROCUREMENT

AWARD RFP NO. 19-17/18
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Award RFP No. 19-17/18, For Design-Build Services For A New EMS Station To Be Located At 400 Ball Park Road, Timmonsville, SC And A New Community Center To Be Located At 150 W. Main Street, Timmonsville, SC To Thompson Turner Construction Of Sumter, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Negotiate A Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

LYNCHES RIVER (TIMMONSVILLE) ATHLETIC COMPLEX
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Up To $2,600 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Purchase An Ice Machine For The Canteen Located At The Lynches River (Timmonsville) Athletic Complex. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

MACK’S LAKE ROAD
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $3,000 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For MBC Stone To Be Put On Mack’s Lake Road. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
INFRASTRUCTURE

TIMMONSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $8,000 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Assist The Timmonsville Rescue Squad With The Replacement Of The Engine In Rescue Vehicle T-21. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

TOWN OF COWARD
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $1,900.80 From Council District 5 Road System Maintenance Fee (RSMF) Funding Allocation For 40' Of 36" Double Wall Plastic Pipe To Be Used In An Outfall Ditch Crossing Lamar Matthews Lane Off Of Friendfield Road In Coward, SC; If The Pipe Is Not Replaced It Will Cause Extensive Flooding In The Town Of Coward. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

INFRASTRUCTURE

ELMER DELARA
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $3,000 From Council District 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For Hand Work By Elmer Delara To Clear Vegetation And Debris In Ditches On Bedford Lane And Between Thicket Place And Stoneybrook Terrace. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MIRACLE LEAGUE OPENING CEREMONIES
At the request of Councilman Poston, Parks & Recreation Department Director Ronnie Pridgen announced that Opening Ceremonies for the Miracle League would be held Saturday, April 21st at 11 a.m. The first game would begin at 10 a.m. Games would be played on Saturday mornings and Monday nights at the Miracle League field at the Greenwood Athletic Complex. Councilman Dorriety stated he had several people make positive comments to him regarding the Miracle League and he wanted to thank staff for what was being done for the group. Mr. Pridgen stated staff was waiting on the plans to come back from the engineer to start construction on the building, which the Miracle League had obtained the funding to build. Mr. Pridgen expressed his appreciation to Council and Mr. Smith for support of the project. He encouraged everyone to come and see at least one game.

CONGRESSMAN TOM RICE'S REPRESENTATIVE
Chairman Caudle stated he wanted to recognize Mr. Bill Growther, Congressman Tom Rice's local representative that was also at the meeting.
There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Springs made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:21 A.M.

WAYMON MUMFORD  
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN

CONNIE Y. HASELDEN  
CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING

April 19, 2018

Resolution No. 12-2017/18

A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of Paisley Road (End Section) Located In The Lake City Area Of Florence County.

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ORDINANCE NO. 27-2017/18
An Ordinance Authorizing A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Care, Providing For The Payment Of A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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