

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

PRESENT:

Kent C. Caudle, 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

ABSENT:

Willard Dorriety, Jr., Vice Chairman

ALSO PRESENT:

County Auditor Wayne Joye
Coroner Keith Lutcken
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
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Director
Jamie Floyd, Deputy Tax Assessor
Dale Rauch, Senior Facilities Coordinator
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Perry Strickland, Assistant to the Administrator
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Alan Smith, Library Director
John Crouse, Florence County Sheriff's Office
Debra Dennis, Deputy Auditor
Andrew Boardwine, Morning News Staffwriter
Kiahna Patterson, WBTW TV13 Reporter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the March 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 Councilman DeBerry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Chairman Caudle welcomed everyone attending the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The February 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. 09-2017/18

A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of Jennie Road Located In The Lake City/McKenzie Crossroads Area.

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.

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.

APPEARANCES:

There Were No Appearances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, RECREATION, HEALTH & WELFARE

Committee Chairman Springs stated that since the work of the Long Term Recovery Group was complete, this item would be reported out of Committee.

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:

DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

The Clerk published in its entirety A Proclamation To Proclaim The Month Of March 2018 As Disabilities Awareness Month In Florence County. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Proclamation as presented. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford presented Jackie Hoch and Chrissie McLeod, clients of the DSN, with a framed Proclamation. Ms. Hoch and Ms. McLeod provided updates on programs and activities at the DSN and expressed appreciation to Council for the recognition and support.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION

The Clerk published in its entirety A Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition To Recognize The Long Term Recovery Group For Exemplary Conduct In Serving The Citizens Of Florence County And Devotion To Preserving The Lives And Property Of Our Citizens. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford presented members of the Long Term Recovery Group with framed Resolutions. Mr. Lou Palm, Eastern South Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, expressed appreciation for the recognition. He stated that the Long Term Recovery Group experienced great partnership during their efforts to assist those who were hardest hit by the storm. Reverend Mike Henderson stated that he had the opportunity to try to work with other counties in the State on these type projects, but he wanted to commend Florence County for allowing the group to accomplish what was needed. The Group received much support from every office they dealt with in Florence County. Chairman Caudle thanked the group for their meritorious service.

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RESOLUTION NO. 10-2017/18

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 10-2017/18: A Resolution Establishing A Boat Guide Rate Program At Lynches River County Park And Establishing Fees And Policy For The Program. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2017/18

The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 11-2017/18: A Resolution Designating April 2018 As Fair Housing Month. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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. 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. 22-2017/18 – THIRD 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 Charles Ingram Lumber Co., Inc. 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 Schofield 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. 23-2017/18 – SECOND 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 Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2017/18 – SECOND 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 Mumford made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2017/18 – SECOND 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 Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION

The Clerk published the title and the Chairman declared the following Ordinance Introduced By Title Only:

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2017/18 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

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.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of Tyron Jones To Serve On The Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA) Board of Directors, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Bradley 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 projects, as well as the updates from the Planning Department, which included projects in plan review, jobs under construction, zoning requests and reports from engineering and 911 addressing. Council was also provided notes from the department heads. Mr. Smith advised that the next meeting of the department heads was scheduled for Wednesday morning, March 28th.

He stated we continued to make considerable progress with the CPST I projects. As was reported in February, all Sections of work on US 378 were substantially complete and had been opened to traffic.

Construction was substantially complete on the US 76 project and all lanes had been opened to traffic with final drainage items currently being completed. Right of Way acquisition had started on the alternate truck route for US 76 in the Town of Timmons ville and construction would start in summer 2018.

Construction on the TV Road widening project was substantially complete.

Utility relocations were almost complete 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 almost two-thirds of the way complete. The SCDOT and County had approved the contractor’s request to close and detour the portion of SC 51 from Seven Mile Road to Turner Gate Road for the installation of two culverts. We

previously reported that the detour would begin on March 5th but the start date had been delayed to April 9th to avoid heavy Easter traffic and should be complete by May 7th. 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 was halfway complete.

In April 2017 SCDOT in concert with the Town of Pamplico requested to extend the sidewalk construction for the SC 51 widening project and Council approved the request. Mr. Smith stated that SCDOT submitted the Sidewalk and Driveway Change Order to effectuate this request and if there were no objections from Council, he would proceed with signing the necessary correspondence to move forward with this project. There were no objections voiced.

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 for the Alligator Road widening project. Right of Way plans had been finalized and right of way acquisition was still underway.

Road work under Section XIII of the CPST II continued to progress. In addition to the 284 roads that had already been completed, an additional 33 roads were currently under contract for 6" MBC Stone and approximately 19.63 miles of road construction projects were on the Agenda for approval. District 2 and District 6 rocking projects were currently under construction. There were seven bids on the Agenda before Council for resurfacing and/or dirt to pave projects.

Koppers/Estate Road as well as Brookgreen and Foxcroft Subdivisions remained under construction. Engineering of the Dargan Street and Sopkin Avenue sidewalk projects was ongoing.

The Certificate of Occupancy for the canteen at the new Johnsonville ballfield should be issued by Monday and opening day for the ribbon cutting was scheduled to be hosted on April 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith reported that in spite of the weather, the County continued to Get Bitter Against Litter with .75 miles of roadway cleaned in February and 1,311 pounds of litter collected. One citation was written and \$936 in fines collected. Also during the month of February, the Florence County Animal Shelter assisted in the adoption of 7 animals and rescued 108 animals.

He commended Planning Director Shawn Brashear and his staff for the excellent job they did at coming into a project at the eleventh hour to submit a nomination package to nominate several communities in Florence County for consideration as 'Opportunity Zones.' Also assisting with the project were the Grants Manager and Economic Development Partnership. Opportunity zones were a new community development program established by Congress in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to encourage long-term investments in low-income urban and rural communities nationwide. This program provided a tax incentive for investors to re-invest their unrealized capital gains into Opportunity Funds that were dedicated to investing into Opportunity Zones designated by the chief executives of every U.S. state and territory.

He informed Council that in the coming months, Florence County in partnership with the SCAC would be offering fitness and wellness training to EMS employees. This would be a blended training program consisting of both online and hands-on training, structured in a manner that accommodated current and future employees. The goal of the program was to reduce the number of accidents and also reduce workers compensation claims. It would also provide training to enable employees to handle patients in a manner that was safe for both the patient and the medics, as well as training to improve sleep patterns, nutrition, body mechanics and overall wellness of employees. The program was offered free of charge by the SCAC pursuant to a recently developed pilot program.

In an effort to enhance the layout of the new Lake City Park, the County received a deed from the City of Lake City for the Lions Park property. The County Attorney was taking the necessary steps to record the deed with the Clerk of Court.

Mr. Smith stated that given recent changes with leadership in the County IT Department, he requested that this item be referred to the Administration & Finance Committee for discussion for the future and path forward for the IT Department.

For the last 10 years the Florence County Emergency Management Department served as the Manager for the PD Regional Incident Management Team (IMT). The Myrtle Beach Fire Department had requested to become the Manager and assume these duties from Florence County EMD. The team was funded by a Homeland Security Grant with very strict guidelines. Approximately \$9,000 was returned last year because it could not be spent on training as specified in the published guidelines. The management of the Team costs the County approximately \$9,485 in man-hours, unreimbursable travel expenses for training, maintenance and upkeep of equipment, etc. none of which was covered under the guidelines of the grant. If Myrtle Beach Fire Department assumed management of the IMT, Florence County participants would still be members and participate in all training and deployments. Mr. Smith stated that if there were no objections, the County would agree for the Myrtle Beach Fire Department to assume these responsibilities and oversight. There were no objections expressed.

ADMINISTRATION

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2018 Through January 31, 2018 As An Item For The Record.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE/FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

BUDGET NEUTRAL SALARY INCREASE

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve A Budget Neutral Salary Increase For Three Positions (Slots 419-002, 419-003, And 420-001) To Be Funded From Facilities Management Funds. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Mr. Smith expressed that he did not think it was exaggerated to state that the Facilities department saved the County hundreds of thousands of dollars.

ADMINISTRATION/PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

BUDGET NEUTRAL DEPARTMENTAL RESTRUCTURING

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Authorize A Budget Neutral Departmental Restructuring Of The Planning And Building Department To Continue To Provide An Appropriate Level Of Service To The Citizens Of Florence County To Include The Deletion Of Two (2) Positions (Slots 100-022 And 100-024), The Reclassification Of Two (2) Positions (Slots 200-018 And 200-010), And The Addition Of Two (2) Positions (Code/Residential Enforcement Officer Position And Secretary III) With An Overall Estimated Annual Savings In Excess Of \$26,000. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION/PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) AWARD

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Award Of RFQ No. 03-17/18 For Architectural/Engineering Design Services For The County Complex Parking Lot And Garage To TranSystems Corporation Of Greenville, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A Contract Pending Successful Negotiations And County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved with a Seven to One Vote. Voting in the 'affirmative' were Chairman Caudle, Councilmen Schofield, Poston, DeBerry, Mumford, Springs, and Bradley. Voting 'No' was Councilman Kirby. At the request of Chairman Caudle, Councilman Schofield provided a brief update on the project. He stated that the committee interviewed three firms for architectural/engineering design services and chose TranSystems Corporation of Greenville and if Mr. Smith was unable to negotiate a contract with the firm selected, he would then move to the second firm on the list. The project was to build a 350 – 400 car parking deck behind the Complex to assist in leasing the space that would be vacant once all of the court functions moved out of the building. Additionally, the structure would be such that it would try to make it more convenient for citizens to enter the building without having to walk up steps, with the second level of the deck designed to allow citizens to walk straight into the building under a covered area out of the rain. There would also be redesign and resurfacing of the south side parking area as well. Also the deck on the Complex would be enhanced to remove a lot of the brick pavers and offer more green space.

CLERK OF COURT

BUDGET NEUTRAL RECLASSIFICATION AND SALARY INCREASE

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Authorize The Reclassification Of A Legal Records Clerk IV (Grade 11) To An Administrative Assistant To Deputy Clerk II ROD (Grade 12) And Budget Neutral Salary Increase (Slot 11) To Be Funded From Clerk Of Court Budgeted Funds. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION

CAMPGROUND SITES RATE INCREASE

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Approve A Rate Increase For Campground Sites At Lynches River County Park: Increase On Sites With Hook-Ups From \$16/Night To \$20/Night And Sites Without Hook-Ups From \$8/Night To \$10/Night. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

CONTRACT APPROVAL – DAVIS AND FLOYD

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize Additional Services To Davis And Floyd Program Manager Contract For The Necessary Construction Engineering And Inspection Services (CEI) For Resurfacing Projects Included In Bids #20-17/18, #21-17/18, #22-17/18, And #23-17/18 In An Amount Not To Exceed \$137,000 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from Chairman Caudle, Mr. Smith responded that the cost depended on the different variations of work required to be performed on State roads, County roads, dirt roads, etc. Basically the County wanted to ensure proper application of the asphalt and other products for the road resurfacing projects and what this contract would do was ensure the provision of quality control, quality assurance and quality inspection of all aspects of the total project, which was \$2.8+ million. The cost for the contract was just under 5% of the overall project.

CONTRACT APPROVAL – HDR ENGINEERING, INC.

Councilman Poston 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 1 And District 5 In The Amount Of \$65,000 To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 20-17/18

Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Award Bid No. 20-17/18, Resurfacing For Various District 3 Roads In The Amount Of \$450,234.41 To Palmetto Corp. Of Conway, SC From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD BID NO. 21-17/18

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid No. 21-17/18, Resurfacing For Various District 7 Roads In The Amount Of \$875,421.07 To Palmetto Corp. Of Conway, SC From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Mumford stated that this was quite a bit of funds which meant that the County was going to perform a lot of work, a lot of resurfacing. He commended the County Administrator and his staff for the great work they were doing with these projects.

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AWARD BID NO. 22-17/18

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Award Bid No. 22-17/18, Resurfacing For Various District 8 Roads In The Amount Of \$737,429.45 To Palmetto Corp. Of Conway, SC From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD BID NO. 23-17/18

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid No. 23-17/18, Resurfacing For Various District 9 Roads In The Amount Of \$742,885.60 To Palmetto Corp. Of Conway, SC From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD BID NO. 24-17/18

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid No. 24-17/18, Dirt Road Paving For Dist. 5 In The Amount Of \$1,044,527.55 (Primary Bid Plus Alternate 1) To Palmetto Corp. Of Conway, SC To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds And From District 5 RSMF. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD BID NO. 25-17/18

Councilman Springs made a motion Council Award Bid No. 25-17/18, Dirt Road Paving For District 1 In The Amount Of \$588,998.25 (Primary Bid Plus Alternate 1) To Palmetto Corp. Of Conway, SC; Funding In the Amount Of \$480,890.75 From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds And An Amount Up To \$108,107.50 From Council District 1 RSMF Funding Allocation. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Declare One (1) Glock 21SF Handgun, Serial Number PAU194, As Surplus Property For The Purpose Of Awarding It To An Employee Who Has Retired. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AUDITOR

BUDGET NEUTRAL SALARY INCREASE

Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve A Budget Neutral Salary Increase For Two Positions (Slots 416-005 And 416-006) To Be Funded From County Auditor Departmental Funds. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMS/PROCUREMENT

AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT

Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Authorize The Use Of Florida Sheriff's Association Bid #FSA16-VEF12.0 Awarded To Wheeled Coach Industries To Purchase One Replacement Ambulance With Required Options And Up-Fits From Select Custom Apparatus Of Falkland, North Carolina, An Authorized Regional Representative For Wheeled Coach Industries In The Amount Of \$156,188 And Declare Surplus Two 2010 Chevrolet Ambulances, VIN#1GB9G5B65A1112584 And 1GB9G5B60A1112122, And Authorize The Trade-In Of The Two Units In The Amount Of \$17,000 (\$8,500 Each) For A Net Purchase Amount Of \$139,188 To Be Funded From Insurance Proceeds In The Amount Of \$124,858.72 And FY18 Budgeted Funds Of \$14,329.28. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

FINANCE/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 27-17/18

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Award Bid No. 27-17/18 For Cleaning Services At The Judicial Center To Defender Services Of Columbia, SC In The Amount Of \$150,956.00 Per Year From Previously Approved FY2017-2018 Funds And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A 5-Year Cleaning Services Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 26-17/18

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Award Bid No. 26-17/18, Dirt Road Paving For District 4 Roads In The Amount Of \$460,497.50 To Palmetto Corp. Of Conway, SC To Be Funded From Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

CRIME WATCH SIGNS

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$600 From Council District 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocation To Pay For Crime Watch Signs To Be Posted In The District. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PEE DEE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Up To \$38,500.00 From Council Districts 3, 4, & 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Approximately \$12,834 From Each District) To Assist The Pee Dee Community Action Partnership (PDCAP) With Replacing The Tile Flooring At The Weed & Seed Located At 1113 Oakland Avenue. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion. Councilman Bradley made a motion to Amend The Motion To Designate Funding In The Amount Of \$16,250 Each From Council Districts 3 And 7, And \$6,000 From Council District 4. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The Motion As Amended was approved unanimously. Councilman Bradley recognized members of the community that were present and commended them for the volunteer work they were doing in the community to help at risk youth.

FRANCIS MARION RECREATION ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Up To \$600 From Council Districts 3, 6, & 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$200 From Each District) To Assist With The Replacement Of Concessions Stand Equipment At Francis Marion Recreation Athletic Complex. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

HORACE MATTHEWS ROAD AND CHOATE LANE

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$72,780.08 From Council District 5 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay To Assist With New Paving On Horace Matthews Road And Choate Lane (Bid No. 24-17/18). Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

HYDE CIRCLE

Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$52,000 From Council District 9 RSMF And Infrastructure Funding Allocations To Pay For New Paving Of 525 Feet Of Hyde Circle From Third Loop Road To The End. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

MEADOW PRONG ROAD

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$3,450 From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Four (4) Loads Of MBC Stone To Be Used On Meadow Prong Road. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

REQUEST FROM HUGH L. WILLCOX, JR.

Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Accept A Request From Hugh L. Willcox, Jr. To Accept An Agricultural Assessment Extension For Tax Map Parcel No. 00121-01-165, Bat Wing, LLC To Reflect The Current Agricultural Use Of The Property As Opposed To Commercial Valuation Of The Property And Authorize A Refund Of Property Taxes For Tax Years 2015 And 2016 In The Estimated Amount Of \$43,500.03, With The Understanding That Should The Property Become Developable And Sold In The Future For Commercial Use That There Would Be Rollback Taxes Due At That Time. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman DeBerry 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 Contractual/Legal Matter Concerning Opioid Litigation. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:52 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:29 a.m.

Chairman Caudle stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Springs 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 An Ordinance Dealing With Economic Development. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 10:29 a.m.

Council reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman Caudle stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2017/18 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY

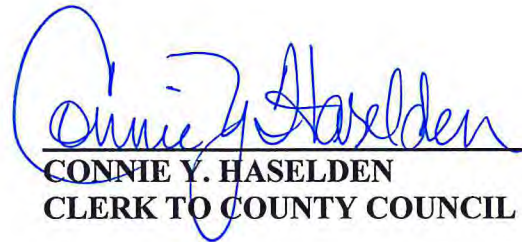
The Clerk published the title and the Chairman declared Ordinance No. 27-2017/18 Introduced By Title Only: An Ordinance Authorizing A Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Care, Providing For The Payment Of A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:51 A.M.



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CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL

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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 3/14/18 as shown by the files as said company.

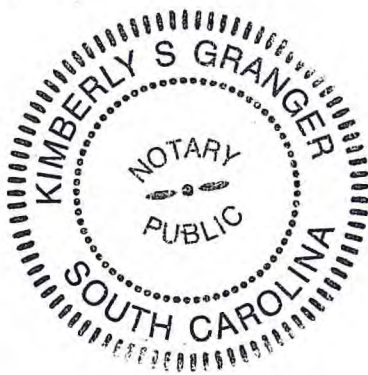
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Sworn and subscribed before me this 26 day of March 2018

Kim S. Granger

Notary Public South Carolina

Commissions expire: 10/21/24



**FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF MEETING**

The Florence County Council will hold its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 9:00 A. M. Florence County Complex Council Chambers, Room 803 180 North Irby Street Florence, SC

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March 14, 2018 Connie Y. Haselden Clerk to Council

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PUBLIC HEARING

March 15, 2018

Resolution No. 09-2017/18

A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On And Abandonment And Closure Of Jennie Road Located In The Lake City/McKenzie Crossroads Area.

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PUBLIC HEARING

March 15, 2018

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.

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PUBLIC HEARING

March 15, 2018

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.

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