REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, MAY 17, 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:
Laurie W. Carpenter, Treasurer
Chief Deputy Glen Kirby
Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Dusty Owens, EMD Director
Shawn Brashear, Planning Director
Jamie Floyd, Deputy Tax Assessor
Patrick Fletcher, Procurement Officer
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Katherine McCain, Administrative Manager, FCSO
Perry Strickland, Assistant to the Administrator
David Alford, Voter Registration/Elections Director
Alan Smith, Library Director
Randy Godbold, VA Officer
Melissa McCutcheon, Chief Deputy Clerk
Felicia Simon, Deputy Clerk of Court II/ROD
Matthew Christian, Morning News Staffwriter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the May 16, 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 and stated there were a couple of special guests he would like to recognize. Florence County Treasurer Laurie Carpenter was present and at the request of the Chairman, Mrs. Carpenter provided a little background on her experience. She stated she had served as Deputy Treasurer of the office for 18 years prior to being elected as Treasurer. Councilman Dorriety commended Mrs. Carpenter for the excellent job she was doing and stated his experience with the Treasurer’s office since she took office had been positive as far as the attitudes and assistance offered by staff. He stated that was a direct reflection of the leadership.

Councilman Mumford stated he had three young ladies present that he wanted to recognize for their community service in picking up litter; Betty Faye Gregg, Peggy Timmons, and Dorothy Delaney. He expressed his appreciation to them for setting the example and encouraged others to follow this example. Chairman Caudle stated he had always said that he would rather see a sermon than hear one and this was a great example of a sermon for the community.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting Of County Council. Councilman Mumford 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. 16-2017/18**
A Resolution In Support Of The Issuance By The South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Of Its Hospital Refunding And Improvement Revenue Bonds (McLeod Health Projects) Series 2018, Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title 41, Chapter 43, Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding $171,000,000.

**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.

**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. 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.

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.

APPEARANCES:
No Appearances Were Requested Or Scheduled At The Time Of Publication Of The Agenda. However, Councilman Bradley requested that Mr. Alexis Pipkins be allowed to address Council regarding nuisance property. Councilman Mumford seconded the request, which was unanimously approved.

ALEXIS D. PIPKINS, SR.
Mr. Pipkins expressed concerns regarding nuisance property located next to his grandmother at 1305 Elmore Street in Florence. Over the last five (5) years his father had killed approximately 13 snakes. The property contained three (3) dilapidated houses where various wild animals such as foxes and possums had taken up residence. His 90 year old grandmother loved her yard and walked in her community but this property was creating a nuisance for her. In response to a question from Councilman Springs, Mr. Pipkins responded that his grandmother’s property was in the City limits but the nuisance property was in the County. Councilman Bradley stated the County had been trying to address these type issues and asked Planning Director Shawn Brashear to provide an update on the status of the County’s efforts. Mr. Brashear stated he had eight (8) files with him of similar properties, two of which were in that area and were unsafe structures. The Planning Department had gone through the appropriate process of posting the property and attempting to notify the owner. The problem at this point was how the County would fund abatement of the property; tax liens versus the sale of the property. He was working with the County Attorney trying to resolve the legal issues and move forward with a remedy for moving forward with the process. Councilman Bradley advised there was one other aspect to this issue and it was a potential State law. County Attorney Malloy McEachin advised that there was a State law pending in the Legislature that could have an impact on how the County handles nuisance/unsafe property and it was his opinion that the County should hold off on any legal action pending the results of that legislation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
There Were No Committee Reports.

Chairman Caudle stated the Committee on Administration and Finance scheduled a meeting tentatively for Thursday, May 24th at 8 a.m. (Due to a conflict the meeting was later changed to Wednesday, May 23rd at 10 a.m.)
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:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2017/18
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 15-2017/18: A Resolution For The Naming Of A Private Road Located Off Friendfield Road, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 00254, Block 02, Parcel 004 To Ward Farm Road. Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2017/18
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 16-2017/18: A Resolution In Support Of The Issuance By The South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Of Its Hospital Refunding And Improvement Revenue Bonds (McLeod Health Projects) Series 2018, Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title 41, Chapter 43, Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding $171,000,000. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Amend Resolution No. 16-2017/18 To Correct The Date Listed As The Publication Of The Public Hearing Notification As May 1, 2018. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion to amend, which was approved unanimously. The Resolution as amended was approved unanimously. County Administrator K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr. provided a brief summary of the project. Mr. Smith stated this was a great project that would provide health and welfare for the citizens of Florence County and the Pee Dee region. Chairman Caudle recognized Allen Robertson, with Robinson Bradshaw Law Firm out of Charlotte, North Carolina, Bond Counsel for McLeod. Mr. Robertson expressed his appreciation for Council’s support of the project. He stated this was a major expansion of McLeod Regional Medical Center of an additional 151,000 square feet being added on and renovations of approximately 76,000 square feet of the existing hospital. Chairman Caudle stated McLeod had a tremendous impact not only on Florence County but the entire Pee Dee area and expressed his appreciation for the services provided. Councilman Mumford expressed his appreciation as well for McLeod as the largest employer in Florence County and the provision of excellent medical care.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2017/18
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 17-2017/18: A Resolution In Cooperation With CSX Railroad And The Koppers/Estate Road Project To Close The Portion Of Day Street Not Paved. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. At the request of Councilman Kirby, Mr. Smith provided an update on the Koppers/Estate Road Project and the relevance of the Resolution. Mr. Smith stated major issues had occurred on the project and in trying to resolve issues they had met with the Department of Transportation. Day Street was not actually a public roadway and the closing of the road would not impede vehicular traffic. There was also an issue with the requirement of a turn lane on Marion Street, which was negotiated with SCDOT to
develop a MOU. Engineers had also asked for a bottomless culvert, which was very expensive and cost prohibitive. Mr. Smith had contacted the Corp of Engineers to work to modify the permit and everything was moving forward. In response to a question from Councilman Kirby, Mr. Smith stated the bottomless culvert part of the project was estimated to cost approximately $300,000 but after negotiating the particulars and utilizing the Public Works department the cost would be less than $15,000 to fix the problem. Mr. Smith requested that the Clerk notify the Department of Transportation that the Resolution had been approved.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

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. 26-2017/18 – THIRD 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 Sunstrand Delta Mills, LLC 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 DeBerry made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Councilman Poston made a motion to amend the Ordinance by inserting wherever the phrase “Project Meadowlark” appears, with “Sunstrand Delta Mills, LLC,” AND FURTHER to, insert wherever the term “Landlord” appears in Ordinance No. 26-2017/2018, with the phrase “Colony Square Investment, LLC”; AND TO FURTHER enter Tax Map Number 00396-02-010 in Paragraph 2 of the Whereas Clause of said Ordinance; AND FURTHER in Paragraph 3 of the whereas clause of said Ordinance to insert the Owner for Landlord as found in the second line of Paragraph 3; AND FURTHER add to Paragraph 10 of the Whereas Clause the following language at the end of Paragraph 10, subject to terms and conditions more fully set forth in a job creation grant letter attached hereto as Exhibit B; AND FURTHER to amend said Ordinance by inserting a new Section 3 to read as follows: Approval of Landowner as Project Affiliate. The County Council hereby authorizes and approves the participation of Colony Square Investment Company, LLC as Landowner of the Project Site as a Project Affiliate with respect to the Infrastructure Credit Agreement; AND FURTHER, move to amend the old Section 6 of the said Ordinance and now renumbered as Section 7 the following: An authorization to execute and deliver Job Creation Grant Letter; AND beginning on the second line of said section, add the following at the end of the second line: AND
authorizes and directs the County Council Chairman and the Clerk of Council to execute the Job Creation Grant Letter, which shall be in substantially the form now before the meeting at which this ordinance received third reading, or with such modifications and revisions which shall not be materially adverse to the County and shall be deemed approved by the County Council upon the Chairman and the Clerk to Council's execution of the Job Creation Grant Letter; the Clerk to County Council is further authorized and directed to deliver the executed Job Creation Grant Letter to the Company and; FURTHER to amend the said Ordinance by renumbering the Sections in conformity with these amendments and further to amend the Infrastructure Credit Agreement in conformity with the name changes as set forth in this Motion. Councilman Springs seconded the motion to Amend, which was approved unanimously. Third Reading of the Ordinance as Amended 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"), Whereby The County Will Enter Into A Fee-In-Lieu Of Tax Agreement With The Company Providing For Payment By The Company Of Certain Fees-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Mumford made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance As Revised to Include The Insertion Of The Company Name (QHG Of South Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Carolinas Hospital System) In The Documents. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2014/15 – TABLED
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. Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Table Ordinance No. 38-2014/15. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2017/18 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 28-2017/18: 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. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
ORDINANCE NO. 29-2017/18 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of 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. Councilman Poston made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2017/18 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 30-2017/18: An Ordinance To Ratify FY18 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2017/18 – SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of 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. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Schofield seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2018/19 - SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of 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. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion. Councilman DeBerry made a motion to Amend Ordinance No. 01-2018/19 Section 8. Compensation And Classification Plan And Personnel, To Increase The Within-Grade Adjustment As Outlined In L. As It Pertains To County Employee Pay Increases, Amendment To Compensation And Classification Plan, From 3% To 4%; And, To Delete The $50,000 Allocation In Budget Number 010-411-488-000-8803 Contingency And Add The $50,000 Allocation To Budget Number 010-411-488-000-8800. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Caudle asked what the $50,000 Allocation came out of. Councilman DeBerry stated there was an item in the Contingency Budget that allocated $50,000 to Francis Marion University and the motion would delete that allocation from Francis Marion University and pay it to County employees. Councilman Springs asked if Council knew what the allocation to Francis Marion was to be used toward. Chairman Caudle stated it was for any capital projects the University needed, no operational. Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Amend Ordinance No. 01-2018/19 To Include The Summary Of Changes From First Reading To Second Reading As Outlined On Page 151 Of The Agenda Book. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Second Reading of the Ordinance as amended.
was unanimously approved. Councilman Schofield requested that Ordinance No. 01-2018/19 be referred to the Committee on Administration & Finance. The Chairman asked if that was a request or a motion. The County Attorney recommended it be made as a Motion. Councilman Schofield made the motion, Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Caudle stated a meeting of the Committee had tentatively been set for Thursday, May 24th but may be adjusted at the will of the Committee members.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
The Clerk published the titles and the Chairman declared the following Ordinances Introduced With Ordinance Numbers 33 and 34-2017/18 being Introduced By Title Only:

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2017/18 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 28, SIGNS, ARTICLE II. OUTDOOR ADVERTISING STRUCTURES, Section 28.5-24. – Spacing Requirements., And Chapter 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE V. – SIGN REGULATIONS, Section 30-202. – Signs On Private Property., Table VIII Number, Dimensions And Location Of Permitted Signs, By Zoning District; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2017/18 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY
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 A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement, By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project R, As Sponsor, And One Or More Sponsor Affiliates To Provide For A Fee-In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; The Expansion Of The Boundaries Of A Joint Industrial And Business Park Located In Florence And Marion Counties; And Other Related Matters.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2017/18 – INTRODUCED BY TITLE ONLY
An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of A Not Exceeding One Million Dollar ($1,000,000) General Obligation Bond Of Florence County, South Carolina (Florence County Fire Protection District), To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bond Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bond, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

COMMISSION ON LITTER PREVENTION & BEAUTIFICATION
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Ralph Allison To Serve On The Commission on Litter Prevention & Beautification, Representing Council District 7, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
PEE DEE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Recommendation Of The Pee Dee Workforce Development Board For The Re-Appointments Of Cindy Bryant (Private Sector), Vicky Tyner (Employment Services), And Pamela Company (Vocational Rehabilitation), With Appropriate Expiration Terms. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

POLICY COMMISSION ON RECREATION
Councilman Schofield made a motion Council Approve The Re-Appointment Of Ronnie Connor to Serve On The Policy Commission On Recreation, Representing Council District 8 With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COMMISSION ON LITTER PREVENTION & BEAUTIFICATION
Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Appointment Of Tonya Jackson To Serve On The Commission on Litter Prevention & Beautification, Representing Council District 3, With Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from Chairman Caudle, Mr. Smith responded that prior to this meeting there was only one appointment, but as of now there were three appointments. Chairman Caudle asked the members to have their appointments in line by the next meeting.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:
ADMINISTRATION
ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Mr. Smith reported that Council was provided with the comprehensive updates for the Capital Project Sales Tax I and II, as well as the illuminating updates from the Planning Department, including projects in plan review, jobs under construction, zoning requests and reports from engineering and 911 addressing. Also, the informative updates from the proficient department heads had been provided.

CPST I projects continued to move forward. The 5 Sections of work on US 378 were substantially complete and opened to traffic.

The US 76 widening project was substantially complete and all lanes had been opened to traffic with the construction on the alternate truck route in the Town of Timmonsville anticipated to begin this summer.

The construction on the TV Road widening project was substantially complete, also.

Sections 1 & 2 of the SC 51 widening project were rapidly progressing with utility relocations almost complete with the exception of Frontier Communications. The contractor continued to install storm drainage and perform grading work while bridge work at Willow Creek was halfway complete. The detour for a portion of SC 51 from Seven Mile Road to Turner Gate Road had been removed and the installation of the two
culverts was complete. Sections 3 and 4 storm drainage installations, full depth patching, and initial subgrade of pavement along with utility relocations continued and were almost complete. Little Swamp bridge was also halfway completed. A change order would be added to the contract in order to address the drainage issues in the Town of Pamplico that he and Councilman Poston had been working on.

On the US 301 Bypass Extension (Alligator Road) widening project, preliminary design work was underway and Right of Way acquisition continued. 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 the road.

Progress continued on road work under Section XIII of the CPST II and 306 roads had been completed. There were currently 11 roads under contract for 6” MBC stone. Approximately 19.63 miles of road projects were under construction with anticipated completion by June 2018. District 2 road rocking projects as well as other additional rocking projects would be put out for bids following completion of the current contracts. District 6 road rocking projects were also under construction and resurfacing projects were being developed to match available funding. Dirt to pave projects were under construction in Districts 1, 4 and 5. Resurfacing projects were under construction in Districts 3, 7, 8 and 9.

Council’s approval of the Support Resolution for CSX to close a portion of Day Street on Koppers/Estate Road would assist in continued progress on construction of this project.

Brookgreen and Foxcroft Subdivision projects should be completed by July 2018.

Surveys were complete and design underway for the Dargan Street and Sopkin Avenue sidewalk projects. Preliminary concept plans had been presented to SCDOT for initial comment.

The Get Bitter on Litter campaign continued. The County cleaned 44.8 miles of roadway for a total of 15,519 pounds of litter; 6 citations were written and $3,276 collected in fines. The Florence County Animal Shelter assisted in the adoption of 11 animals and rescue of 73 animals during the month of April.

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

LEASE APPROVAL – SUPERNOVA LLC
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve A Lease Agreement With Supernova, LLC For One Parking Space Adjacent To 147 W. Evans Street For Outdoor Dining Space For An Annual Amount Of $500 For A Term Of Five (5) Years. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Kirby asked if this would affect future parking. Mr. Smith responded that this was the farthest reach from the Complex and he did not anticipate this becoming an issue with other businesses due to location and situation.
PROCUREMENT/ADMINISTRATION/GRAINS

PROPOSAL REVIEW PANEL APPOINTMENT
The Chairman Stated That If There Were No Objections, He Would Appoint Himself To Serve On The Proposal Review Panel For The Lynches River Boat And Kayak Project RFP To Be Funded By The Duke Energy Water Resources Grant Fund. No objections were voiced. Mr. Smith expressed appreciation to Duke Energy for its support and funding of this project, which would be a major effort to clear the River down to Snow Island to improve maneuverability for canoes and kayaks.

PROCUREMENT/LIBRARY

AWARD BID NO. 32-17/18
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Award Bid No. 32-17/18 For Lawn Services For The Various County Library Locations To Granger Landscapes, Inc. Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of The Primary Bid Of $34,620.00 Per Year To Begin On July 2, 2018 From Approved FY2018-2019 Funds And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A Maximum 5-Year Lawn Services Contract Pending County Attorney Review And Approval. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Chairman Caudle stated that in the past the County experienced some performance issues with a company that bid way under its competitor’s and this was about a 40% difference. Mr. Smith stated procurement had assured him that this company was capable of handling the project. At the request of Mr. Smith, Procurement Director Patrick Fletcher confirmed that the company was currently performing this same type work at some of the libraries and had done a good job.

PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 31-17/18
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Award Bid No. 31-17/18, Reclamation & Resurfacing For Hyde Circle For District 9 In The Amount Of $52,800.00 To C. R. Jackson Of Florence, SC From Council District 9 RSMF And Infrastructure Funds Previously Approved By Council. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Dorriety expressed his appreciation for the County Administrator and Public Works Director re-bidding this project and getting the bid down by approximately $9,000.

AWARD BID NO. 32-17/18
Councilman DeBerry made a motion Council Award Bid No. 32-17/18 For 6” MBC Stone For River Neck Road In District 6 To Heritage Hauling, Inc. Of Conway, SC In The Amount Of $30,122.75 And Authorize The Use Of District 6 RSMF Funds For The Project. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
SHERIFF’S OFFICE

BUDGET NEUTRAL SALARY INCREASE
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Authorize A Budget Neutral 10% Increase In Salary For A Captain/Special Operations (Slot #022) In The Sheriff’s Office To Be Funded From FY18 Budgeted Funds. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PROCUREMENT

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

PROCUREMENT/FINANCE/FACILITIES

PROPOSAL REVIEW PANEL
Chairman Caudle Stated That If There Were No Objections He Would Appoint Councilman DeBerry To Serve On The Proposal Review Panel For The Planning Building Elevator Upgrade (RFP No. 36-17/18). No objections were voiced.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

TOWN OF OLANTA
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The De-Obligation Of The Expenditure Of Up To $18,000 From Council Districts 1, 4 And 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocations ($10,000 From District 1, $3,000 From District 4, And $5,000 From District 5) To Assist The Town of Olanta With Replacing The Roof On The Olanta Gymnasium; The Project Is No Longer A Viable Project. Councilman Kirby 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 Potential Contractual Matter With The City Of Lake City; And, Legal Advice Regarding The Annexation By The City Of Florence Of Property In The Oakdale Subdivision Area. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
COUNCILMAN DORRIETY
Councilman Dorriety asked if he could say something before Council entered executive session. He stated “Florence County’s most valuable resource is its employees ... and we have some great employees in Florence County and I wish our news service would get that out because I am really proud of the employees. Today, in this budget, we are trying to raise some of the salaries. I wish the Council had a lot more revenue where we could do a lot more for the employees, because without the employees of Florence County, it doesn’t operate, it doesn’t run ... I just want you to know and I’m sure the rest of the Council shares the opinion because we’ve had the discussions, how much we really appreciate each and every one of y’all... We wish we could do more, but this Council is hamstrung by certain budget limitations placed on us by other governmental bodies and it makes it difficult for us to do what we would like to do; what’s in our hearts sometimes. I appreciate this Council trying to work to do everything they can and I appreciate our administration helping us out and trying to show us the way. ... The citizens of Florence County do not know how fortunate they are to have the employees that we have because y’all do a yeoman’s job and I appreciate y’all very much.” Councilman Mumford concurred and said 4% was a nice chunk of change and hopefully the County could do more later on. He stated the County employees made Council look good and he appreciated everything that all the employees did. Chairman Caudle stated he thought all of Council agreed.

COUNCILMAN POSTON
Councilman Poston stated he wanted to make one announcement. The Johnsonville Heritage Festival was scheduled for Friday and Saturday night, May 18th and 19th. He encourage everyone to come out and bring their families for a great event.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:53 a.m.

Council reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

Chairman Caudle stated no action was taken in Executive Session.

COUNTY ATTORNEY
Mr. McEachin read a proposed motion to be offered by Council: A Motion To Have The County Attorney Write The Attorney For The City Of Florence Of County Council’s Intent To Challenge Any Ordinance Of The City Of Florence To Annex Property Identified On Map Block Parcel Numbers Of The Tax Assessor’s Office 00052-01-005, 00052-01-049 And 00075-01-022. Councilman Dorriety made a motion and Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
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 11:01 A.M.

WAYMON MUMFORD
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN

CONNIE Y. HASELDEN
CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING

May 17, 2018

Resolution No. 16-2017/18

A Resolution In Support Of The Issuance By The South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority Of Its Hospital Refunding And Improvement Revenue Bonds (McLeod Health Projects) Series 2018, Pursuant To The Provisions Of Title 41, Chapter 43, Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding $171,000,000.

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An Ordinance Authorizing (1) the Execution, Delivery, and Performance of the Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, and Project Meadowlark; (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. 26-2018

May 17, 2018
PUBLIC HEARING
May 17, 2018
ORDINANCE NO. 30-2017/18
An Ordinance To Ratify FY18 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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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.

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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.

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