REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018, 8:00 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
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:
James T. Schofield, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:
Arthur C. Gregg, Jr., Public Works Director
Kevin V. Yokim, Finance Director
Shawn Brashear, Planning Director
Samuel K. Brockington, Jr., Fire/Rescue Services Coordinator
Jamie Floyd, Interim Tax Assessor
Matthew Christian, Morning News Staffwriter
Nia Watson, WMBF News Reporter

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the September 12, 2018 edition of the **MORNING NEWS**. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, copies of the meeting 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](http://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.
AMENDED AGENDA:
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Amend The Agenda Of The September 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Of County Council In Order To Consider An Emergency Proclamation At The Appropriate Time On The Agenda (Section IX, Item D.). Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Minutes Of The August 16, 2018 Regular Meeting Of County Council And The September 11, 2018 Emergency Teleconference. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
No Public Hearings Were Required Or Scheduled.

APPEARANCES:

JAMES TANNER – HICKORY HILL DELEGATION
Mr. Tanner And The Hickory Hill Delegation Requested To Appear Before Council Concerning Plans To Build A Trash Transfer Site On Diamond Branch Road. However, the Chairman announced that due to the change in the meeting time necessitated by the impending approach of Hurricane Florence, the Hickory Hill Delegation notified the Clerk that they would not be in a position to attend the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
There Were No Committee Reports.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2018/19
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 03-2018/19: A Resolution By The Florence County Council Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A First Supplemental Trust Agreement Relating To The $46,770,000 Hospital Revenue Bonds (McLeod Regional Medical Center Project), Series 2010B Issued By Florence County, South Carolina. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION
The Clerk published in its entirety a Resolution Of Appreciation And Recognition For April Hanna In Honor Of Her Commendable And Meritorious Service And Heroic Acts. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Springs presented Ms. Hanna with a framed Resolution and expressed his appreciation for her efforts and selfless actions in saving the life of another. Ms. Hanna thanked Council for the recognition.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2018/19
The Clerk published the title of Resolution No. 04-2018/19: A Resolution To Authorize The Addition Of A 2005 Ford Ranger Pickup Truck VIN # 1FTYR14U75PA72579 To The County Fleet For Florence County Parks And Recreation Department. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve the Resolution as presented. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
The Clerk published the title of An Official Emergency Proclamation: A Proclamation For Declaration Of A State Of Emergency In Florence County Due To Hurricane Florence. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve the Proclamation as presented. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2018/19 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 02-2018/19: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Mary Robinson Located On 1074 Dennis Road, Lake City, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00141, Block 31, Parcel 020; Consisting Of Approximately 0.536 Acres From Single-Family Residential District (R-1) To Multi-Family Residential District (R-5); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2018/19 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 03-2018/19: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Randolph And Joe Hannah, Jr. Located On 1066 Dennis Road, Lake City, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00141, Block 31, Parcel 019; Consisting Of Approximately 1.631 Acres From Single-Family Residential District (R-1) To Multi-Family Residential District (R-5); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
ORDINANCE NO. 04-2018/19 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 04-2018/19: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Ernestine Gaston Henderson Located On 113 South Robinson Avenue, Lake City, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00141, Block 31, Parcel 073; Consisting Of Approximately 0.151 Acres From Single-Family Residential District (R-1) To Multi-Family Residential District (R-5); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2018/19 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 05-2018/19: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Marilyn Gaston Located On 1054 Dennis Road, Lake City, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00141, Block 31, Parcel 018; Consisting Of Approximately 0.348 Acres From Single-Family Residential District (R-1) To Multi-Family Residential District (R-5); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Springs made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2018/19 – THIRD READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 06-2018/19: An Ordinance Authorizing The Amendment Of A Fee Agreement Among Florence County, South Carolina, Monster Worldwide South Carolina, Inc., And Red Rock Pee Dee, LLC, As Sponsor Affiliate, To Replace Red Rock Pee Dee, LLC With American National Insurance Company, As Sponsor Affiliate; And Authorizing The Amendment Of A Modification Of Inducement And Millage Rate Agreement And Memorandum Of Understanding Among Florence County, South Carolina, Monster Worldwide South Carolina, Inc., And Red Rock Pee Dee, LLC, As Sponsor Affiliate, To Revise The Provisions Of A Special Source Revenue Credit; And Other Related Matters. Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council approve Third Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2018/19 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 07-2018/19: An Ordinance To Rezone Property Owned By Chandler Investment Properties, Inc. Located On Pisgah Road, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 00097, Block 01, Parcel 104; Consisting Of Approximately 31.402 Acres From Unzoned District (UZ) To Planned Development District (PD); And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Bradley made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
ORDINANCE NO. 08-2018/19 – SECOND READING
The Clerk published the title of Ordinance No. 08-2018/19: An Ordinance To Amend A Previously Approved Planned Development (PD#2018-1), Property Owned By Leacon, Inc. Located On Second Loop Road And S. Thomas Road, Florence, SC As Shown On Florence County Tax Map No. 90019, Block 01, Parcels 003, 023 And 024; Consisting Of Approximately 1.535 Acres; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Dorrity made a motion Council approve Second Reading of the Ordinance. Councilman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2018/19 – INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2018/19 – INTRODUCED
An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE III. – CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS, Section 30-115. – Aviation Notification, Levels 2 & 3 Solar Energy System Requirements, c. Decommissioning; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:
There Were No Appointments To Boards Or Commission.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

ADMINISTRATION

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Mr. Smith reported that for Council’s elucidation and edification at 0700 that morning Florence County EOC opened to OPCON 1, which was the highest level of readiness, and would remain on duty 24/7 until Hurricane Florence no longer posed a threat to Florence County citizens. In addition to County staff, the Sheriff’s Office, Fire, EMS, Public Works and others stood ready. Also had DHEC partners, DSS, SC National Guard and American Red Cross available to assist. Additionally, representatives from the State Emergency Management Division and FEMA had arrived the previous day. He also received a text from the Corp of Engineers that they would be available to assist. The County had five (5) shelters open and PDRTA was transporting citizens to and from the shelters. There were 13,000 sand bags available for citizens. The storm had somewhat slowed its movement, down to a Category 2 but could change again. It was predicted to
make landfall in Cape Fear, NC on Friday morning and make a westerly turn, which would track it into our area. The greatest concern at this point was the anticipated rainfall and flooding. It worked to the County’s advantage that it currently experienced a drought so river levels were low.

He stated that he had provided Council with the updates for the Capital Project Sales Tax I and II, which were moving forward very expeditiously. He had also provided updates from the Planning Department and department heads.

The CPST I projects continued to progress. As was previously reported, the US 378, 76 and TV Road widening projects were substantially complete. The detours that were necessary for culvert installations on Hwy. 51 had been removed and traffic flow was restored on Pamplico Highway. Drainage issues in the Town of Pamplico continued to be investigated and would be added to the contract via change order for Sections 3 & 4 of the SC 51 road widening project. Bridge work over Little Swamp neared completion and the new caution light at Pamplico High School had been installed.

Preliminary design work and Right of Way acquisitions continued on the Alligator Road widening project. Phase I of the widening from US 52/301 (South Irby Street) to Woodside Circle would be let for construction this month and would include intersection improvements at South Irby and Alligator and at John Paul Jones Road, along with widening for approximately half a mile on Alligator Road to Woodside Circle. Utilities would be allowed to relocate until June 2019 and then construction on South Irby Street would begin during summer 2019 to avoid school traffic as much as possible.

Under Section XIII of the CPST II, 317 roads had been completed. There were 14 roads under contract for 6” MBC stone in District 2 and Bid #02-18/19 for 14 roads in District 1 was on the Agenda. Approximately 22 miles of road construction projects were ongoing. Dirt to pave projects continued in Districts 1, 4, and 5. In District 1, the Maple Drive manhole had been repaired and the roadway was ready to be paved. A new 6” MBC stone package was being developed for bids that would complete the project list in District 2. In District 3, the Dargan Street Sidewalk project was currently on hold. Final construction plans were being completed for the Sopkin Avenue sidewalk project and all permitting was in process. This project was expected to be bid by the end of 2018. Meadowprong and Clyde McGee roads were under construction in District 4 and a bid package for procurement was being developed for that area. Driveway pipes and crossline pipes were complete on Horace Matthews Road in District 5 and the existing ditches were being cleared to improve drainage prior to paving the road. The resurfacing of 2 miles of road in District 6 was under construction and a new dirt to pave package was being developed for bids. A new resurfacing bid package had been developed for the Spaulding Heights neighborhood in District 7 with bids due on September 25th. Resurfacing projects in Districts 8 and 9 were under construction and new bid packages for resurfacing were being developed for those areas, as well.

The Koppers/Estate Road project continued to move forward. Construction of awarded phases of the Brookgreen Subdivision project were complete and additional phases were being negotiated with the contractor so work could begin soon.
Environmental Services continued its work with a total of 84 miles of roadway cleaned for a total of 13,648 pounds of litter; 1 citation was written and fines collected in the amount of $1,056. The Florence County Animal Shelter worked the adoption of 3 animals and the rescue of 73 animals during the month of August.

Mr. Smith apprised Council of the current status of delinquent payments from DSS for allocated space. On September 7th the Finance Department received the final 2 DSS checks bringing the total FY2017/18 payments up to around $80,000; substantially less than what it was supposed to be and what it had historically been. This created a $120,000 shortfall in the County budget. He stated discussions would continue on this issue if Council wished to take some sort of action.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS
Monthly Financial Reports Were Provided To Council For Fiscal Year 2019 Through July 31, 2018 As An Item For The Record.

FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE - EBENEZER PARK LEASE
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Execution Of A Lease Agreement With Florence School District One For Property Located On S. Ebenezer Road Currently Utilized As A County Ballfield In The Amount Of $1.00 Annually For A Term Of Twenty Years. Councilman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TIMMONSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER STATUS UPDATE
Chairman Caudle asked, in reference to Capital Project Sales Tax I and II, what was the status of the Timmonsville community center. Mr. Smith responded that Councilman Kirby had reviewed the plans and the County was moving forward with the project. Mr. Smith, Administrative Services Director Suzanne King and Planning Director Shawn Brashear had worked extensively on the project and notified the architect on September 7th to move forward.

WEST FLORENCE FIRE STATION STATUS UPDATE
Mr. Smith stated he was also working with Councilman Dorriety to move forward with the West Florence Fire District project as well for the construction of the new station. Potentially looking at a site owned by the County but waiting on the initial drawings from the fire commission.
ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

RESCUE SQUADS – DIRECT ASSISTANCE FUNDING
Councilman Kirby made a motion Council Approve Funding Timmonsville Rescue Squad $93,000 And Pamplico Rescue Squad $5,000 In Additional Direct Assistance Funds To Be Funded From Contingency Funds (Total Of $98,000 From Contingency). Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Councilman Springs asked for an explanation of why this continued to be a request for several years in a row. He asked if this money was requested in the budget and not approved. Mr. Smith confirmed that was correct and stated that the County was attempting to move forward with a smooth transition to a countywide EMS. The County was presently moving forward in the Johnsonville area with an anticipated transition date of July 1, 2019. Subsequently, the County would then work with Timmonsville Rescue Squad to move forward with that transition. In FY2019 budget, Timmonsville requested $47,238 to cover costs of workers’ comp escalation (costs had almost tripled) and also asked for $45,762 to assist with on-call pay for paramedics and EMTs, to ensure compliance with wage and hour laws. He stated it would probably be another year after 2019 before the County could make the transition from Timmonsville Rescue to County EMS. The County was also building an EMS/Fire Station at the Honda manufacturing facility.

FINANCE/FACILITIES/PROCUREMENT

HVAC SYSTEM SERVICE AGREEMENT
Councilman Springs made a motion Council Approve The Use Of Sourcewell (Formerly NJPA) Cooperative Purchasing Program To Procure A Service Agreement For The HVAC System And Related Controllers At The Judicial Center From Johnson Controls, Inc. Of Columbia, SC Under Contract No. 030817-JHN In The Amount Of $72,798.00 Per Year (Including Tax) With The Option To Renew Annually From The FY 2018-2019 Departmental Budgeted Funds And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute The Service Agreement Following The County Attorney’s Review. Councilman Poston seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from the Chairman, Mr. Smith confirmed that this was for the Judicial Center and that the County had contracts like this on all its facilities. The Chairman asked if this was competitive or the lowest bid. Mr. Smith responded that it was and that it was a cooperative purchasing agreement. The HVAC system at the new Judicial Center cost approximately $3.2 million and the warranty would expire in February 2019 and it was important to protect the longevity of the system. Johnson Controls was a local company and installed the system so they were familiar with that system.

PROCUREMENT

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
Councilman Dorriety made a motion Council Declare Four (4) Vehicles And Two (2) Trucks As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals. Councilman Bradley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
PUBLIC WORKS/PROCUREMENT

AWARD BID NO. 01-18/19
Councillman Bradley made a motion Council Award Bid No. 01-18/19, Resurfacing For Wrenfield Road To C. R. Jackson Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of $59,400.00 From Previously Approved District 3 Road System Maintenance Fee (RSMF) Funds. Councillman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

AWARD BID NO. 02-18/19
Councillman Springs made a motion Council Award Bid No. 02-18/19 For 15,937 Tons Of 6” MBC Stone For District 1 Roads (Phase I) To Kirven Construction Of Darlington, SC In The Amount Of $350,932.70 To Be Funded From The Capital Project Sales Tax II Funds. Councillman Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE

BUDGET NEUTRAL SALARY INCREASE
Councillman Mumford made a motion Council Authorize A Budget Neutral Increase In Salary In The Amount Of $2,525 (Approximately 8% Increase) For A School Resource Officer (Slot #701-006) In The Sheriff’s Office To Be Funded From FY19 Budgeted Funds. Councillman DeBerry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

TIMMONSVILLE RESCUE SQUAD

AMBULANCE PURCHASE
Councillman Kirby made a motion Council Authorize The Use Of Florida Sheriff’s Association Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. FSA18-VEF13.0 Awarded To Wheeled Coach Industries For The Purchase Of One (1) Ambulance With Various Equipment Including A Stryker Stretcher, Chair And Narcotic Knox Box In The Total Amount Of $173,728.29 (Including $500 Vehicle Tax) From The Approved FY18-19 Timmonsville Rescue Squad Budget With The Balance To Be Paid By The Timmonsville Rescue Squad. Councillman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. In response to a question from the Chairman, Mr. Smith responded that the additional amount was $2,657.29.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE

McCALL FARMS
Councillman Dorriety made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure In An Amount Not To Exceed $25,000 With $12,500 Funded From Economic Development Capital Project Fund And $12,500 Funded From Council Districts’ Infrastructure Funding Allocations (Approximately $1,389 From Each District Or As Listed On The Approving Documentation) To Assist SCDOT And McCall Farms With The Installation Of Shoulder And Median Flashers Along Both Directions Of US 52 At McCall Farms At Its Entrance On US 52. Councillman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.
PEE DEE COALITION
Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $12,400 From Council Districts’ Infrastructure Funding Allocations ($1,300 From Each District Or As Indicated On The Approving Documentation) To Assist The Pee Dee Coalition With HVAC Replacement And Security System Expansion At The Emergency Shelter. Councilman Mumford seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

THEODORE LESTER ELEMENTARY
Councilman Bradley made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $25,000 From Council Districts 3, 6 And 7 Infrastructure Funding Allocations ($8,334 From Council District 3 And $8,333 Each From Districts 6 And 7) To Assist Theodore Lester Elementary School With The Purchase And Installation Of Playground Equipment. Councilman Springs seconded the motion. Councilman Bradley made a motion to Amend the Motion To State That All Funding ($25,000) Would Be Taken From Council District 3. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF)

E. COKER STREET
Councilman Mumford made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $29,000.00 From Council District 7 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For Resurfacing E. Coker Street. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EVANS FARM ROAD
Councilman Poston made a motion Council Approve The Expenditure Of Up To $8,730.00 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocation To Pay For 375 Tons Of MBC Stone For The Wet Portion Of Evans Farm Road. Councilman Dorriety seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Councilman Dorriety made a motion that Council Enter Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, As Amended to Discuss A Personnel Matter Involving The Finance Department.

Council entered Executive Session at 8:38 a.m.

Council reconvened at 9:06 a.m.

Chairman Caudle stated no action was taken in Executive Session.
There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Dorriety made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Springs seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:06 A.M.

WAYMON MUMFORD
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN

CONNIE Y. HASELDEN
CLERK TO COUNTY COUNCIL