

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY,
APRIL 17, 2025, 9:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 180 NORTH IRBY STREET,
ROOM 803 FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

C. William Schofield, Chairman
Waymon Mumford, Council Member
Jerry W. Yarborough, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Andrew Rodgers, Jr., Council Member
Jason M. Springs, Council Member
Stoney "Toney" C. Moore, Council Member
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Council Member
Kent C. Caudle, Council Member
Dr. Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
Kevin Yokim, County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, County Attorney
Hope M. Jones, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Jamie Floyd, Tax Assessor
Ashley Davison, Finance Director
Sam Brockington, Fire/Rescue Coordinator
Shawn Brashear, Planning & Building & Code Enforcement Director
Stacie Hamilton, Public Information Officer
Shannon Munoz, Deputy Administrator of Administration
Barrott Dowdy, Director of EMS
Kayla Wilson, Grants Manager
Mitch Fulmore, Deputy Administrator of Public Safety
Doris O'Hara, Clerk of Court
Felicia Simon, Register of Deeds
Andrew Stout, Museum Director
Carleton Snow, Information Technology
Doris O'Hara, Clerk of Court
Don Strickland, Director of Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority
Chief Worrell, West Florence Fire Department
Chief Dillon, Howe Springs Fire Department

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the April 15, 2025, 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). The Council meeting was made available via live stream at www.florenceco.org. The video is archived on the County website.

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE/WELCOME:

Chairman Schofield called the meeting to order. Secretary/Chaplain Mumford provided the invocation, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

Council Is Requested To Approve The Minutes Of The Regular March 20, 2025, Meeting Of The County Council. Councilman Mumford made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded, which was approved unanimously by all the members present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearings were held on the following items below. The Clerk published the titles of the Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-2024/25

An Ordinance Authorizing The Enlargement Of The Joint County Industrial Park Between Florence County, South Carolina And Williamsburg County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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ORDINANCE NO. 70-2024/25

An Ordinance Authorizing The Application Of Surplus Proceeds Of The Original Principal Amount \$14,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A Of Florence County To Defray The Costs Of Other Capital Projects Of Florence County Including Renovations Of And Improvements To The Florence County Complex, The Purchase Of Real Property By Florence County For County Purposes, And Improvements To The Florence Regional Airport.

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An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Property From The City Of Johnsonville, South Carolina, Comprising The City Hall Building Of The City Of Johnsonville, South Carolina, And The Sale Of Such Building To Florence County School



District Five, South Carolina Under An Installment Purchase Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Florence County School District Five, South Carolina, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Chairman Schofield declared the public hearings opened.

APPEARANCES:

FOSTER CARE CLOTHING CLOSET

Nicole Griggs With Foster Care Clothing Closet, Requests To Appear Before Council To Give An Update On The Progress From The Funds Approved By Council In October 2024 To The Non-Profit Organization. Ms. Griggs appeared before the Council and gave an update on the progress with the organization.

PEE DEE COALITION

Denine Mitchell, Sexual Assault Program Director, Requests To Speak Before Council About Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Ms. Mitchell appeared and provided information to Council on the matter of sexual assaults and how the organization is making everyone aware.

TARA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Following Individuals Of The Tara Village Neighborhood Association Request To Appear Before Council To Ask For Support Of Council To Revitalize Tara Village By Addressing The Issues Outlined In The 2020 Tara Village Revitalization Report. Ms. Marilee Jackson, Mr. B. Page, Ms. M. Moultrie, and Ms. Emmie Smith appeared before Council to express concerns on safety, flood issues, potholes, drainage, speeding, sidewalks, and cleaning debris from the ditches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Justice & Public Safety

Councilman Springs gave an update. Last month, the Committee met to receive updates on the EMS staffing, and response study, the fire study, the hiring of a fire chief (hopefully to have someone in the position by July 1st), and reviewed the Unified Fire District budget request for the year.

City-County Conference

Chairman Schofield gave an update. The City-County Conference Committee met on April 10th at Burch's Mill. The topics discussed were water, street lighting, and a potential project in the downtown of the City of Florence. A motion was made to have the meetings quarterly, 1st and 3rd quarters will be the City, and 2nd and 4th quarters will be the County.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

PROCLAMATION- NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

The Clerk published the proclamation in its entirety. A Proclamation To Proclaim The Week Of April 13-19, 2025, As National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion to approve, and Council Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present. Vice-Chairman Yarborough presented the framed proclamation to the Emergency Management Department.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION:

The Clerk published the resolution of recognition in its entirety. A Resolution To Recognize Barry Frick For His Endless Service Of Maintaining And Promoting Florence County Lynches River. Councilman Caudle made the motion to approve and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present. Councilman Caudle presented the framed resolution of recognition to Mr. Frick.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2024/25 (Deferral)

A Resolution Authorizing The Cessation Of Maintenance On An Abandonment And/Or Closure Of Existing Palmer Road, Located Near Cartersville, S.C. In County Council District 4.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2024/25

The Clerk published the title of the resolution. A Resolution Designating The Month Of April As Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Springs seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that sexual assault is a widespread and devastating crime that affects millions of individuals of all genders, ages, races, and backgrounds in communities across the nation. Florence County has statistically had a high rate per capita of sexual assault reported and had the highest rate per capita in the recent report provided by SLED in 2023 of 8.69 per 10,000 people. Florence County has seen an increase in reports of sexual violence to law enforcement between 2022 and 203 per SLED reports. Raising awareness about the prevalence of sexual assault and the importance of prevention is crucial in combating this societal issue and creating safer environments for all. Designating the month of April for awareness encourages individuals, communities, and organizations to come together to advocate for those impacted by sexual assault, foster understanding, and promote support systems for survivors of sexual violence. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present. Chairman Schofield presented the framed resolution to Ms. Mitchell, Sexual Assault Program Director at Pee Dee Coalition.



RESOLUTION NO. 44-2024/25

The Clerk published the title of the resolution. A Resolution Designating Specific Individual Projects To Be Funded From CPST III Excess Pursuant to Section 2.02 Of Ordinance 16-2023/24. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. Mr. Yokim stated Florence County adopted Ordinance 16-2023/24 on November 16, 2023. Section 2.02 of Ordinance 16-2023/24 is for the designation of specific projects and within the project categories set forth in Section 2.01(a)-(g), Council shall by resolution from time to time designate the specific individual projects to be funded from CPSTIII Excess. This resolution approves three new projects totaling \$261,941, where there is a slight increase to one project. This resolution also decreases one road project where bids came in lower than estimated for a cost savings of \$164,015. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

Chairman Schofield declared the public hearings closed.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2024/25 THIRD READING

An Ordinance To Declare Approximately 9 Acres More Or Less As Surplus Property Located At 150 W. Lee Flowers Road, Scranton, South Carolina Identified By Tax Map Number 00194-31-129 And To Authorize The Sale Of Said Approximately 9 Acres More Or Less Located At 150 W. Lee Flowers Road, Florence, South Carolina In The Amount Of Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$589,500.00) To Project Aurora, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Mr. Yokim stated that the project will not occur, and Economic Development asked the Council to oppose the ordinance so that it can be removed from the agenda. Councilman Caudle made the motion to oppose, and Councilman Springs seconded. The motion to oppose the ordinance was unanimously approved by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-2024/25 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Future Land Use Designation From Variable Development District 2 To Suburban District And To Change The Zoning Designation From RU-1 Rural Community To R-2 Single Family Residential For The Property Located Off Of Wildwood Drive, Quinby, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 00175, Block 01, Parcel 152; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 8 to 0; Council District 3). Councilman Bradley made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 66-2024/25 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For The Property In Group Five Of The East Highway 76 Gateway Study From Unzoned To CMU Commercial Mixed-Use District. Furthermore, The Requirements

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Of Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 30, Zoning Ordinance, Article II. - Zoning District Regulations, Division 7, Corridor Overlay District, Shall Apply To All Properties Included In This Amendment That Lay Within Five Hundred Feet (500') Of The Corridor. Any Parcel That Extends Beyond 500' From The Corridor Shall Be Wholly Covered By The Overlay District If The Outer Area Is Twenty Percent (20%) Or Less Of The Total Parcel Size. This Measurement Shall Be Taken From The Roads Edge, Or Curb, And Extend Landwards. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Property As It Is Reflected On The Tax Map As: 90117-08-009; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 8 to 0; Council District 7). Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 67-2024/25 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance Specifying Pursuant To Section 4-10-340(B)(3) Of The South Carolina Code Authorized Purposes To Which Excess Proceeds Of The Capital Project Sales Tax Approved By The Electors Of Florence County, South Carolina On November 5, 2013, May Be Applied And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-2024/25 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Future Land Use Designation From Variable Development District 2 To Urban Development District For Property Located Off Of East Palmetto Street, Florence, SC As Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 00307, Block 01, Parcel 012; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Councilman Moore made the motion to deny, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion to deny was approved by the members present on the second reading of the ordinance. Councilman Caudle abstained from the vote on the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 63-2024/25 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Property Of Tax Map Number 00307, Block 01, Parcel 012 Located Off Of East Palmetto Street, Florence, SC From Unzoned To R-4 Multi-Family Residential, Limited District And A Portion Of The Property To B-3 General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 4 to 1; Council District 6). Councilman Moore made the motion to deny, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion to deny was approved by the members present on the second reading of the ordinance. Councilman Caudle abstained from the vote on the ordinance.



ORDINANCE NO. 68-2024/25 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance Authorizing The Enlargement Of The Joint County Industrial Park Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Williamsburg County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Related Thereto. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. Mr. Yokim stated pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina constitution and Title 4, Section 1, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 as amended Florence County is authorized to jointly develop multicounty parks with counties having contiguous borders with the County and, in the County's discretion, include property within the boundaries of such multicounty parks. Under the MCIP Act, the County has created a multicounty park with Williamsburg County. Ten Governors Solar, LLC has obtained certain land in Florence County and is presently recruiting for a project. An agreement dated December 1, 1998, was approved for a joint county industrial/business park between Florence County and Williamsburg County. The County desires to expand the boundaries of the park and amend the agreement to include the project. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present on the second reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-2024/25 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. 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 Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Ten Governors Solar, LLC And Certain Affiliates To Provide For Fee In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Tax Incentives And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; And Authorizing Other Related Matters. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Bradley seconded. Mr. Yokim stated pursuant to the FILOT Act, and in order to induce investment in the County, on February 20, 2025 County Council adopted an inducement resolution (Resolution No. 38-2024/25) in which it identified certain proposed investments by Ten Governors Solar, LLC. The company has represented that the project will involve an investment of approximately \$122,200,000, but not less than \$2,500,000, in the county, all within the investment period. The county has determined on the basis of the information supplied to it by the company that the project would be a "project" as such term is defined in the FILOT Act, and that the project would serve the purposes of the FILOT Act. The motion was approved unanimously on the second reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 70-2024/25 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance Authorizing The Application Of Surplus Proceeds Of The Original Principal Amount \$14,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A Of Florence County To Defray The Costs Of Other Capital Projects Of Florence County Including Renovations Of And Improvements To The Florence County Complex, The Purchase Of Real Property By Florence County For County Purposes, And Improvements To The Florence Regional Airport. Councilman Dorriety made the motion,

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and Councilman Moore seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that two bonds were issued a few months ago, and the \$14 million bond will build an evidence building for the Sheriff's Department and an EMS station on the east side of town. In consultation with the architect designing both projects, the County may save a few million dollars on the bond; therefore, we asked the county bond counsel to draft this ordinance, which would allow the County to use the excess proceeds for these purposes. The motion was approved unanimously on the second reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-2024/25 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Certain Real Property From The City Of Johnsonville, South Carolina, Comprising The City Hall Building Of The City Of Johnsonville, South Carolina, And The Sale Of Such Building To Florence County School District Five, South Carolina Under An Installment Purchase Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, And Florence County School District Five, South Carolina, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Rodgers made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that the City of Johnsonville has a desire to sell its city hall building, and School District 5 is in need of the building. School District 5 does not have the mechanism to issue debt. The district will use the revenue from its share of the battery plant fee-in-lieu of tax. Council passed the revenue sharing ordinance months ago; however, the revenue has not started coming in yet, so the County will purchase the building from City Hall from the City, lease it to the School District 5 and the County will pay themselves back when the revenue starts to come in from the battery plant. The motion was approved unanimously on the second reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 72-2024/25 INTRODUCTION

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 13-2018/19 And To Provide For The Creation Of The County Fire Chief. Councilman Springs requested the ordinance be moved to the Justice & Public Safety Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-2024/25

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance To Ratify FY25 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-2024/25

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Four Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar (\$4,950,000) General Obligation Bonds In One Or More Series Of Florence County, South Carolina, To Prescribe The Purposes For Which The Proceeds Of Said Bonds Shall Be Expended, To Provide For The Payment Of Said Bonds, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.



ORDINANCE NO. 75-2024/25 (By Title Only)

The clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Project Huckleberry Providing For A Payment Of A Fee In Lieu Of Taxes, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025/26

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, And Ending June 30, 2026; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

Chairman Schofield declared the ordinances introduced.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Council Is Requested To Approve The Appointment Of Raleigh "Tripp" Ward, III, To Serve On The Florence County Economic Development Partnership Board, Representing District 2 With The Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Rodgers made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

PEE DEE COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Council Is Requested To Approve The Appointment Of Beverly Alford To Serve On The Pee Dee Community Action Partnership Board, Representing Seat 1, With The Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Springs made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Mr. Yokim provided updates on projects.

CPST III:

District 1 – The contract for Miles, Red, Joy, Gracelyn, and Donald roads was approved in February. Construction is scheduled to start in May.

District 2 – All District 2 CPST III projects are complete.

District 3 – Bid 04-24/25 for Brookgreen Neighborhood resurfacing (Brookgreen Dr., Whittier Cir., New Hope Dr., Tobin Dr., White Ave., McNeil Dr., Adair Dr., and Gibbs Ave.) is under construction and should be completed in May.

District 4 – DeGroat Road is complete pending punch list items (driveways). Bid 63-23/24 consisting of Bob White Trail, Pheasant Rd., Whippoorwill Rd., Quail Ln., and Old Middle Road is complete. Discus Lane is complete. The Deer Road water line extension Bid 25-



24/25 will be presented to Council for approval at the April 17th meeting. Bids have come in under budget.

District 5 – Davis & Floyd is developing a future bid package for dirt to pave roads.

District 6 – The remaining two roads are being planned for future bid.

District 7 – Dorado, E. Rico, E. Suená, E. Tierra, Heard, N. Ives, Marlow, S. 3rd, S. Fairview, S. Robeson, Charlotte, S. Ballard, McFarland, Oak, Walnut, Clyde, E. Evans, Jarrott, Day, and Divine Streets were included in Bid 40-24/25 and approved on March 20th.

District 8 – Projects are being scheduled for future delivery. The contract was issued for Briggs, Scriven, and Indian Roads. Construction is anticipated to begin by the end of April. Davis & Floyd received SCDOT encroachment permit for paving only.

District 9 – Davis & Floyd is developing a future bid package for road resurfacing.

According to CPST III Engineer Todd Warren, 207 of 289 Road District projects have been completed.

CPST III-A:

District 1 – N. Floyd & Hagan were bid in January, approved in February, and construction is estimated to begin late spring once the contractor completes some open Florence County projects.

District 2 – Franklin & Meritt Drive were bid in January, approved in February, and construction is estimated to begin once the contractor completes some open Florence County projects.

District 4 – Sparks Road will be bid in the spring and will be packaged with Timmonsville resurfacing projects with CPSTIII.

District 5 – E. Groom & Fowler Road will be bid in the near future.

District 7 – Tara Village drainage improvements are being reviewed by engineers. McMillan Road will start late spring. E. Siesta Drive's scope may be reduced since piping and a portion of paving have occurred. The engineers are clarifying the new scope. E. Shenandoah Lane & parking is out for bid.

District 8 – PO issued for Camelia & Congaree was approved on September 24th, and construction will begin once a current contract is complete.

Montclair Way: SCDOT will require a signal; therefore, Alliance is creating the design and will resubmit to SCDOT for their approval.

Municipal projects for Johnsonville, Coward, & Pamplico are currently being reimbursed as invoices are received.

Parks & Recreation projects are underway.

Departments:

Engineering:

- o Took part in a meeting with the designers and builders of a proposed shopping plaza, which will include a Publix store and a Parker's Kitchen store.

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- Public Works Staff removed the old “DuPont” sign on Hwy. 76 and moved it to storage at the Florence Industrial Park East at the request of Economic Development.
- Public Works staff coordinated with the Darla Moore Foundation, Lake City Police, and SCDOT to determine a temporary truck route plan to be implemented during the ArtFields festival in Lake City.

EMD:

Communications: Along with MCA, we visited each fire department throughout March. We flashed the existing APX portable radios, programmed the new APX mobile radios, and reprogrammed the existing APX mobile radios. MCA programmed and reprogrammed APX portable radios. In total, we touched approximately 930 radios.

Planning & Zoning:

FLATS: Hwy 327 & I-95 Interchange – SCDOT and FHWA approved the contract on April 3. A copy was delivered to Malloy McEachin for review and approval.

Information Technology: Email: The florencecountysc.gov domain migration has begun and will be rolling out as department users have time. 14 departments have been completed.

Parks & Recreation:

- DeWitt’s Bluff Landing Seawall (Landing closed 4/7/25, Project Start 4/8/25).
- Lions Park Multipurpose Building (Scheduled for completion in April 2025).

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Are Provided To Council For The Fiscal Year 2025 Through February 28, 2025, As An Item For The Record.

REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT

Council Is Asked To Approve An Agreement Between Florence County, South Carolina, And UPF Litigators, LLC, And Wallace Jordan, Attorney At Law, To Serve In The Best Interests Of The Residents, Citizens, And Visitors, And To Authorize The County Administrator To Execute Documents Upon Review Of The County Attorney. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. Mr. Yokim stated Florence County, South Carolina is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina. The large chemical and “food” corporations have been addicting children for decades using techniques pioneered by tobacco companies. These hyperpalatable chemical compounds have led to innumerable, avoidable health problems for the employees, citizens, and residents of the county and harmed the social and economic welfare of the county. The County Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents, citizens, and visitors to retain attorneys for the purpose of seeking recovery on behalf of Florence County against, as determined by County Council , Kraft Heinz Company, Inc., Mondelez International, Inc., Post Holdings, Inc., The Coca-Cola Company, PepsiCo, Inc., General Mills, Inc., Nestle USA, Inc., Kellanova, WK Kellogg Co., Mars Incorporated, Inc., ConAgra Brands, Inc., Orangeburg Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Blenheim Bottlers, Inc., and/or any additional

parties approved by County Council believed to be responsible for improperly manufacturing, marketing, and/or distributing ultra processed foods. The County Council has determined that use of outside counsel is cost-effective, in the public interest, and necessary to pursue claims against the Defendants as there does not exist sufficient and appropriate legal and financial resources within the County Attorney's office to handle the Matter, and the time and labor required may necessitate the use of outside counsel. The County Council has determined that the Attorneys have the combination of skill, experience, resources, and competency necessary to represent the County. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

PRESENTATION OF FY2024 ANNUAL AUDIT

Council Is Requested To Approve The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Bradley seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that the audit for the period ending June 30, 2024, has been performed by the firm of Mauldin and Jenkins. Grant Davis, partner with the firm, will present the audit to the Council. Grant Davis made the presentation to the Council on the audit. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

RECLASSIFICATION/ SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

Council Is Asked To Approve The Reclassification Of A Currently Occupied Legal Records Clerk IV (Hourly) Position Grade 11 To An Account Management (Hourly) Position Grade 16, A Legal Records Clerk IV (Hourly) Position Grade 11, To A Filing Management (Hourly) Position Grade 16. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated this is a budget-neutral request. Our department has significant savings from the elimination of a slot to accommodate this fiscal year. This would satisfy a huge department need in Family Court. Reclassifying this position will bring leadership to our Family Court Accounting Clerks and the Filing Clerks Division to the high standards we expect. No additional funding will be required; these salary adjustments will be funded from the current year's salary savings from the elimination of the slot. These changes are being made for additional work in the duties of the positions. These employees bring leadership to the Clerk of Court as they maintain the highest standards that we expect, coming from their experience. Significant salary savings will be realized from the elimination of the slot position. There is a savings of \$9,395.74. Ashley Davison and Tenae Reaves support the reclassification of the positions and salary adjustments. The proposed change is budget-neutral and has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Director and Human Resources Director. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

BID NO. 25-24/25

Council Is Requested To Award Bid No. 25-24/25, District #4 Deer Road Water Main Extension Project To B&B Construction Company Inc. Of Sumter, In The Amount Of

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\$1,549,483.34 (The Primary Bid Amount Of \$1,501,871.86 And The Alternate #1 Bid Amount of \$47,611.48) To Be Funded From SCIIP Grant #A-23-C071 Funds. (**9 Bids Received**). Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the bid was advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on February 17, 2025. The bid opening was held on March 20, 2025. Nine (9) bids were received and compliant; B&B Construction Company Inc. was the lowest bidder. Todd Warren, CPST III, Program Manager of Davis & Floyd, and Steve Allen, Public Works Director, recommend awarding B&B Construction Company Inc. The bid expires on June 20, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SOUTH BLUESTONE DRIVE- INFRASTRUCTURE

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Not To Exceed \$10,000.00 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Allocation Funds To Place 250 Tons Of MBC Stone On South Bluestone Drive. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

WATER TOWER- INFRASTRUCTURE

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Not To Exceed \$10,000 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Allocation Funds For Maintenance And Upkeep Of The Hyman Water Tank On Highway 51. Councilman Rodgers made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved by all the members present.

DOWNS ROAD & TIMMONSVILLE HIGHWAY- INFRASTRUCTURE


Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Not To Exceed \$2,700.00 From Council District 4 Allocations From The Infrastructure Fund. These Funds Were Needed To Replace A Storm Drain Culvert That Was Collapsing At The Intersection Of Downs Road And Timmonsville Highway. The Culvert Repair Was A Necessary Part Of The Roadwork. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before Council, Councilman Dorriety made a motion to adjourn, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:28 A.M.


WAYMON MUMFORD
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN


HOPE M. JONES
CLERK TO COUNCIL



PUBLIC HEARING

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An Ordinance Authorizing The Application Of Surplus Proceeds Of The Original Principal Amount \$14,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025A Of Florence County To Defray The Costs Of Other Capital Projects Of Florence County Including Renovations Of And Improvements To The Florence County Complex, The Purchase Of Real Property By Florence County For County Purposes, And Improvements To The Florence Regional Airport.

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ORDINANCE NO. 69-2024/25

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 Tax Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And Ten Governors Solar, LLC And Certain Affiliates To Provide For Fee In-Lieu Of Ad Valorem Tax Incentives And Certain Special Source Revenue Credits; And Authorizing Other Related Matters.

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ORDINANCE NO. 68-2024/25

An Ordinance Authorizing The Enlargement Of The Joint County Industrial Park
Between Florence County, South Carolina And Williamsburg County, South
Carolina; And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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