

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY,
MAY 15, 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 (left 10:23 A.M.)
Dr. Alphonso Bradley, Council Member
Kevin Yokim, County Administrator
John Scott, Acting Attorney (Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd), left at 10:11 A.M.
Ron Scott, Acting Attorney (Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd), arrived at 10:12 A.M.
Hope M. Jones, Clerk to Council

ALSO PRESENT:

Jamie Floyd, Tax Assessor
Ashley Davison, Finance Director
Sam Brockington, Fire/Rescue Coordinator
Tenae Reeves, Human Resources Director
Charlene Connor, Risk Management Manager
Kristy Burch, Emergency Management Director
Nathan Dawsey, Parks & Recreation Director
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
Andrew Stout, Museum Director
Carleton Snow, Director of Information Technology
Don Strickland, Director of Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority
Chief Dillon, Howe Springs Fire Department
Reggie Sanders, Director of GIS

ABSENT:

D. Malloy McEachin, County Attorney



A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the May 13, 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 APRIL 17, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

Council Is Requested To Approve The Minutes Of The Regular April 17, 2025, Meeting Of The County Council. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Caudle 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 Resolution and Ordinances.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2024/25

A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Quit-Claim Deed For Florence County's Interest In The Drive At The Kraft Linerboard Mill Road S-24, Approximately 0.45 Mile South Of Road S-610, Approximately 0.06 Mile, More Commonly Known As Mill Road; A Section Of Road From S-24, Approximately 0.3 Miles South Of Road S- 642 Easterly And North-Easterly, Approximately 0.84 Mile, More Commonly Known As Scale Road; And Additional Drives At The Kraft Linerboard South Carolina Industries Inc. Plant, (approximately 1.2 miles).

ORDINANCE NO. 72-2024/25 (Deferral)

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 13-2018/19 And To Provide For The Creation Of The County Fire Chief.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-2024/25

An Ordinance To Ratify FY25 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-2024/25

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

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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 public hearings opened.

APPEARANCES:

FLORENCE TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Paul Pittman, Jennifer Robinson, and Teresa Freeman Of The Florence Tennis Association Board Of Directors, Appeared Before Council To Give Updates On Tennis Events And Activities In The County And Cooperative Ventures Between The Tennis Organization And The County Parks & Recreation Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration & Finance: Chairman Schofield stated the Committee met on May 1st to discuss FY25/26 Budget.

Public Services & County Planning: Councilman Caudle stated the Committee met directly after the April 17th County Council meeting to discuss barndominiums and how they are taxed. Councilman Caudle stated there was no need to change, but the rules need to be followed.

Justice & Public Safety: Councilman Springs stated the Committee will meet after the County Council meeting to discuss the ongoing Fire Study, EMS Study, and have a discussion on Ordinance No. 72-2024/25.

City-County Conference: Chairman Schofield stated the Committee met on April 10th, and it was decided to make the meetings quarterly; the City will host two, and the County will host two.

Chairman Schofield declared the public hearings closed.

RESOLUTIONS OF RECOGNITION:

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The Clerk published the resolution of recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize Dr. Laura Hickson For Her Years Of Service At Florence School District Three. Councilman Springs made the motion to approve, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

The Clerk published the resolution of recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition For The Students Of All Saints' Episcopal Day School As The 2025 SCISA Middle School Battle Of The Books State Champions. Councilman Caudle made the motion to approve, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

PROCLAMATION:

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The Clerk published the title of the proclamation. A Proclamation To Proclaim The Month Of June 2025 To Be Designated As The "Elevating Fatherhood Month". Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion to approve, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

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. 45-2024/25

The Clerk published the title of the resolution. A Resolution Authorizing An Amendment To The Agreement For The Development Of A Joint Industrial And Business Park To Include Additional Properties In The Park. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that Florence County and Marion County, South Carolina, jointly develop an industrial or business park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the member counties. In order to promote the economic welfare of the citizens of the counties by providing employment and other benefits to the citizens, the counties have jointly developed an industrial and business park consisting of certain property located within the partner counties, as provided by Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and in accordance with Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended. The terms and conditions

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of the park are set forth in an agreement for the development of a joint industrial park and business park dated April 22, 2018. The county desires to consent to an amendment to the park agreement to provide additional property located within Marion to be added to the park agreement. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

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The Clerk published the title of the resolution. A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Quit-Claim Deed For Florence County's Interest In The Drive At The Kraft Linerboard Mill Road S-24, Approximately 0.45 Mile South Of Road S-610, Approximately 0.06 Mile, More Commonly Known As Mill Road; A Section Of Road From S-24, Approximately 0.3 Miles South Of Road S- 642 Easterly And North-Easterly, Approximately 0.84 Mile, More Commonly Known As Scale Road; And Additional Drives At The Kraft Linerboard South Carolina Industries Inc. Plant, (approximately 1.2 miles). Councilman Moore made the motion and, Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that the company, Stone Container Corporation, was by order of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, to receive a quit claim deed of certain real property as described in the title of the Resolution. The County desires to comply with the Court's order to transfer its interest in said property to Stone Container Corporation. Stone Container Corporation has determined that it is in the best interest of the company to receive the property by quit-claim deed. The Chairman of the County Council is authorized to execute and deliver the quit-claim deed and any related documents, and to take all actions necessary to effectuate the transfer of the property. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-2024/25

The Clerk published the title of the resolution. A Resolution To Amend Section 4 Of Resolution No. 5-2009/10 In Order To Authorize The Increase Of The Daily And Monthly Limits Of Three (3) Participants In The South Carolina Procurement Card Program. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated Resolution No. 5-2009/10, authorizing Florence County's participation in the South Carolina Procurement Card Program, was adopted by the Florence County Council on November 19, 2009. Increasing Florence County's participation in this program will further reduce the County's exposure to a certain amount of financial risk by having open charge accounts at various vendors throughout the County, a necessity for many small purchases. Efficiencies currently experienced by the County's participation in this program will increase with an increase in participation in this program. Since the inception of the County's participation in the program, each procurement card has been used solely for official, authorized use, and each transaction has been reconciled timely manner and fully accounted for at all times in accordance with Section 1 of Resolution No. 5-2009/10. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.



RESOLUTION NO. 48-2024/25

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. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that 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 to be funded from CPST III Excess. This resolution approves additional funds for an existing project totaling \$14,770, new projects totaling \$728,000, and the decrease of projects totaling \$457,359 due to bids being lower than estimated, and two projects being removed due to the redrawing of council district lines. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:**ORDINANCE NO. 68-2024/25 THIRD 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. 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. 69-2024/25 THIRD 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 Springs seconded. The motion was approved unanimously on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 70-2024/25 THIRD 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 Springs made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Councilman Springs made the motion to defer, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion to defer the ordinance on third reading was approved unanimously by all the members present.



ORDINANCE NO. 71-2024/25 THIRD 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. Chairman Schofield stated Council was asked to defer Ordinance No.71-2024/25.

ORDINANCE NO. 72-2024/25 SECOND READING DEFERRAL

An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 13-2018/19 And To Provide For The Creation Of The County Fire Chief.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-2024/25 SECOND READING

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. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that grants received during the year need to be formally appropriated by the Council. Contracts and related purchase orders in various stages of completion at the end of FY24 and incomplete as of June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$2,788,050 require the unexpended balances of purchase orders in the amount of \$1,875,758 to be added to the General Fund fund balance, the unexpended balances of purchase orders in the amount of \$609,332 to be added to the Fire and First Responder Fund fund balance, and the unexpended balances of purchase orders in the amount of \$302,960 to be added to the Road Maintenance-Public Works Fund fund balance. The County Administrator approved use of Local Accommodation Tax funds to provide a local match for the Disc Golf Project in the amount of \$523,556, to produce Florence County Interstate Monuments in the amount of \$8,273, and to help cover expenses for the Dewitt Bluff Landing Seawall Project in the amount of \$173,000. The County Administrator approved use of Local Hospitality Tax funds to produce Florence County Interstate Monuments in the amount of \$36,773, to purchase and install security cameras at Lions Park in the amount of \$142,988, and to cover operating expenses from the Burch's Mill acquisition in the amount of \$250,000; \$3,499 of revenue was received on various dates during fiscal year 2025 for fees associated with the Sheriff Sex Offender Registry; \$2,379 of revenue was received on various dates during fiscal year 2025 for fees associated with Victim/Witness Assistance. The motion was approved unanimously on the second reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-2024/25 SECOND READING

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

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Provide For The Payment Of Said Bonds, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Moore made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that this is an annual general obligation bond. The proceeds are used to make annual payments on installment purchase revenue bonds issued for the judicial center and the parking deck. The motion was approved unanimously on the second reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-2024/25 SECOND READING

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. Chairman Schofield stated it was requested by Economic Development to vote down this ordinance. This ordinance was a procedural placeholder and not a project the County was pursuing, but lost out on. Councilman Dorriety made the motion to deny, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion to deny the ordinance on second reading was approved unanimously by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025/26 SECOND READING

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. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that Ordinance No. 01-2025/26 is the budget ordinance for next fiscal year. Growth in the value of one mill of property taxes is estimated to generate an additional \$4,500,000 in revenue in the FY2025/26 compared to the prior year. The additional revenue from this increase property tax revenue as a result of this growth in the value of one mill, the increase in the Local Government Fund, and the increase in interest revenue will assist in the funding of many needed items, the largest of which are the 19% health insurance increase that became effective on April 1, 2025 (\$1,200,000), as well as a 3% cost of living increase for all County employees (\$1,600,000). The General Fund budget also includes the funding for a few needed positions in the Recreation Department, given the growth in the county that has impacted this department. The General Fund budget also includes a 4 mill increase allocated to public safety. The estimated \$2,400,000 increase from this revenue will fund 10 new positions in the Sheriff's Office (including 4 patrol deputies), 4 new positions in Central Dispatch, a 7% pay increase for paramedics, and 2 new Assistant Solicitor positions to handle the ever-increasing case load. Also included, at the request of the Florence-Darlington Tech board and President, is a 1 mill increase, which is the most that Act 388 would allow. The motion was approved unanimously on the second reading of the ordinance by all the members present.



ORDINANCE NO. 76-2024/2025 INTRODUCTION

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance To Introduce The Rental Fees For The Lake House At Lions Park And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-2024/25 INTRODUCTION

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance To Create A Class Of Property Defined As A Chronic Nuisance Property, To Make Such Property Subject To Certain Remedies Including Civil Fines, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 78-2024/25 INTRODUCTION

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Documents Relating To The Provision Of County Facilities; Consenting To And Approving The Issuance Of Not Exceeding \$20,000,000 Florence County Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (Comprehensive Facilities Improvements) Series 2025 By The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation To Provide Funding To Finance The Costs Of Acquisition, Construction, Renovation And Expansion Of County Facilities; Consenting To And Approving The Execution Of An Amended Base Lease And Conveyance Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation; Consenting To And Approving The Execution Of An Amended Facilities Purchase And Occupancy Agreement Relating Thereto By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation; Consenting To The Form Of A Bond Purchase Agreement Or Other Terms Of Sale To Be Entered Into Or Agreed To By The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation And The Initial Purchaser Of The Bonds; Consenting To The Form Of A Supplemental Trust Agreement To Be Entered Into By The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation, And The Trustee For The Bonds; And Together Therewith An Assignment To The Trustee For The Bonds Of Certain Rights To Payment And Other Rights Of Florence County Public Facilities Corporation Under The Facilities Purchase And Occupancy Agreement; And Making Provision For All Other Matters Relating To The Foregoing.

ORDINANCE NO. 79-2024/25 (By Title Only) INTRODUCTION

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance Authorizing The Termination Of An Existing Fee Agreement And Execution And Delivery Of A Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement By And Between A Company Identified As Project Magnolia And Florence County, South Carolina, And Addressing Other Matters Related Thereto.

Chairman Schofield declared the ordinances introduced.

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Council Is Requested To Approve The Reappointment Of Tyron Jones To Serve On The Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority Board With The Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Mumford seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

SENIOR CENTER COMMISSION BOARD

Council Is Requested To Approve The Appointment Of Patricia Holt To Serve On The Senior Center Commission Board Representing District 3, With The Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Bradley made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety 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 complete pending punch list items.

District 4– DeGroat Road is complete pending punch list items (driveways). The Deer Road water line extension Bid 25-24/25 was approved at the April 17th meeting and contracts have been signed. The next step is for the notice to proceed to be issued.

District 5– Bid 51-24/25 for four dirt to pave roads has been developed for bid by the end of May. These roads are Eagerton, Park, Kerris Ln, and Karisma.

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

District 7– Dorado, E. Rico, E. Suen, 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. Construction is estimated to begin late spring. The Oakland Avenue sidewalk project engineering service study is underway by Davis & Floyd.

District 8– Projects are being scheduled for future delivery. The contract has been issued for Briggs, Scriven, and Indian Roads. Construction is anticipated to begin later in the spring. Davis & Floyd received SCDOT encroachment permit for paving.

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 Timmons ville: Remaining projects are being scheduled for future delivery.

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 - estimated to begin by the end of this month.

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 – estimated to begin by the end of this month.

District 4- Sparks will be bid in the spring and will be packaged with Timmons ville resurfacing projects with CPSTIII.

District 5 – E. Groom & Fowler Road will be backed out of District 5 via Resolution 48-24/25, because these roads are primarily located in District 2. S. Railroad Avenue was added via Resolution earlier in this meeting.

District 7 – Tara Village drainage improvements are being reviewed by engineers. McMillan will start late spring. E. Siesta Drive's scope may be reduced since piping and a portion of paving has occurred. The engineers are clarifying the new scope. E. Shenandoah Lane & parking came in \$14,770 over budget. This amount was requested via Resolution 48-24/25 earlier this meeting.

District 8 – PO budget issued for Camelia & Congaree was approved in September, and construction will begin once the 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.

Departments:

GIS: Creating an app for citizens to report litter.

Public Works: Environmental Services recently hired two impressive individuals:

- o Autumn Morin - Environmental Services Officer 1

- o Danielle Poston – Shelter Assistant

- Mr. Allen stated he is very confident that both will be excellent representatives of our department and our county government.

Public Works' staff assisted Lake City Police in the installation of SCDOT-required signage for a temporary truck route to be implemented during the Artfields festival in Lake City (District 1). (over 80 signs).

Emergency Management: May 10, 2025, Storm Expo with Duke Energy at the Florence Center. Duke Energy awarded Florence County a \$20,000 Hero Grant which will be given to the EMS Department. The funds will be used to replace the EMS Gator.

Parks & Recreation:

- o Disc Golf RFP (Course design completed, site work for parking lot has started, storage/bathroom facility – bid published.)

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- LRCP Splash Pad (Soft Opening- May 10th, Grand Opening- May 24th).
- LRCP Horse Trails/Campground (New Campground completed, Trails nearing completion, Horse Arena completed, and Equestrian Campground nearing completion.)
- Dewitt's Bluff Landing Seawall (landing closed 4/7/25, construction underway.)

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Are Provided To Council For The Fiscal Year 2025 Through March 31, 2025, As An Item For The Record.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Council Is Requested To Approve The Memorandum Of Understanding Between Florence County, South Carolina, And The Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Springs seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that Florence County and The Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding. The County has determined that the entry of this agreement is in the best interest of the citizens of Florence County. The Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. has determined that the agreement furthers its mission as a land conservation organization. The Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective on the date that representatives of both parties have executed this MOU. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Council Is Requested To Approve The Agreement With Collins & Almers Architecture For Design Services For The Florence County Sheriff's Office Evidence Facility To Be Funded From Bond Funds Appropriated Through Ordinance 47-2024/25 And For The County Administrator To Execute An Agreement. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that Collins & Almers Architecture is on the on-call list of architectural firms approved by Council on June 15, 2023. Collins & Almers Architecture was selected by the Administration & Florence County Sheriff's Office. Council approval includes authorization for the County Administrator to execute all associated documents and contract agreements to proceed, pending County Attorney review and approval. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

BID NO. 44-24/25

Council Is Requested To Award Bid No. 44-24/25, Additional Parking Lot At E. Shenandoah Lane/Spaulding Heights Park In The Amount Of \$129,770.00 To Chipley Company Inc. To Be Funded From District 7 CPSTIII-A Funds (**2 Compliant Bids**). Councilman Bradley made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the bid was advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on March 27, 2025. The bid opening was held on April 7, 2025. Two bids

were received and compliant. Chipley Company Inc. is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. Nathan Dawsey, Parks & Recreation Director, recommends awarding Chipley Company Inc. The bid expires on July 7, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

CHANGE ORDER

Council Is Requested To Approve A Change Order To RFP No. 26-23/24, Design-Build Services With Gilbert Construction In The Amount Of \$237,941, To Include A New Concession Stand And Bathroom Facility For The Timmons ville Athletic Complex Located On W. Market Street In Timmons ville, SC From CPST III Funds. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the original contract with Gilbert Construction for the Timmons ville park improvements was approved by Council on February 15, 2024, and the negotiated contract price was \$798,828. Before proceeding with the contract, it was determined that the concession stand would be put on hold while other District 4 CPST III projects could be bid out to ensure adequate funding was available for the other projects on the referendum. Nathan Dawsey, Parks & Recreation Director, recommends the change order to the existing Gilbert Construction contract. The total contract price with the change order would be \$1,036,769. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

Council Is Requested To Approve The Declaration Of One Ford E450 Truck As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovDeals And Three Heavy Duty Pieces Of Equipment As Surplus Property For Disposal Through Public Internet Auction Via GovWorld. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated Council received an attached listing of the unit number, make/model, year, and mileage of each of the equipment recommended to be declared surplus. The equipment listed has been replaced with more updated equipment. Disposal will not impact ongoing operations. Florence County Ordinance requires County Council approval for the disposal of surplus property. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

POLICY UPDATE

Council Is Requested To Approve The Proposed Policy Update Regarding Legal Residence. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that the South Carolina State Legislature directs all taxing authorities to properly tax all real property in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws 12-43-220. The current policy adhered to by the Assessor's Office to allow for the special assessment approval, in addition to all other requirements, includes a copy of the permanent residence card. (Form I-551 (green card) or USCIS approval letter for Form I-485 (application to register permanent residence or adjust status). This policy is effective

for tax year 2024 and forward with Council approval. All documentation listed below is required.

- SC issued a Driver's License or SC issued an Identification Card registered at the current property address.
- Proof of the applicant's legal immigration status in the US. Copy of I-797 approval notice from the USCIS or equivalent thereof.
- Applicants will need to reapply annually by January 15th until a permanent resident card is issued.

The motion was approved unanimously with all the members present.

BID NO. 42-24/25

Council Is Requested To Award Bid No. 42-24/25, Florence County SCIIP Drainage Improvement Project To D&L Sitework, Inc. Of Conway, SC In The Amount Of \$290,056.65 (The Primary Bid Amount Of \$188,711.20 And The Alternate #1 Bid Amount Of \$101,345.45) To Be Funded From SCIIP Grant# A-23-C069, Pending Approval By The Rural Infrastructure Authority And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A Contract Pending Successful Negotiations. **(2 Bids Received)**. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the bid was advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on March 5, 2025. The bid opening was held on March 20, 2025. Two bids were received; one bid was compliant. D&L Sitework, Inc., was the lowest bidder. Gregory D. Mueller, PE, Senior Civil Engineer of Davis & Floyd recommends awarding the low bidder. Kayla Wilson, Grants Manager, recommends awarding D&L Sitework, Inc. The bid expires on June 20, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

RFP NO. 35-24/25

Council Is Requested To Award RFP No. 35-24/25, Body Removal Services To Omega Mortuary Transport, LLC Of Timmonsville, SC In The Amount Of \$6,500.00 Per Month For Unlimited Pick-Up Of Body And Delivery To MUSC Florence, \$450.00 Per Pick-Up Of Body And Delivery To MUSC Charleston, And \$150 Per Pick-Up Of Body And Delivery To Various Funeral Homes In The Florence County Area For Up To A Maximum Period Of Five Years Starting June 1, 2025 To Be Funded From The Coroner's Departmental Funds. **(1 Compliant RFP Received)**. Councilman Moore made the motion, and Councilman Mumford seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the RFP was advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on April 1, 2025. Proposals were due on April 22, 2025. One proposal was received from Omega Mortuary, Transport, LLC. A selection committee was formed with Keith Vonlutken, Mitch Fulmore, and Barrott Dowdy. Keith Vonlutken, County Coroner, recommends awarding the contract to

Omega Mortuary Transport, LLC, on behalf of the selection committee. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

RFP NO. 36-24/25

Council Is Requested To Award RFP No. 36-24/25, On-Site Clinical Services To McLeod Occupational Health Of Florence, SC, And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A Contract Pending Successful Negotiations. **(5 Proposals Received).** Councilman Caudle made a motion, and Councilman Mumford seconded. Mr. Yokim stated RFP No. 36-24/25 was advertised on the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on February 17, 2025. Five proposals were received on March 5, 2025. The selection committee (Shannon Munoz, Mitch Fulmore, and Charlene Conner) recommends awarding the contract to McLeod Occupational Health. Council approval includes authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate a final cost and to execute all associated documents and contract agreements to proceed, pending County Attorney review and approval. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

RFQ NO. 39-24/25

Council Is Requested To Award RFQ No. 39-24/25, Land Protection And Fiscal Needs Analysis Consultant To Weston & Sampson Of North Charleston, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A Contract Pending Successful Negotiations. **(3 Proposals Received.)** Councilman Springs made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded. Mr. Yokim stated RFQ No. 39-24/25 was advertised on the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on March 14, 2025. Three proposals were received on April 30, 2025. The selection committee (Councilman C. William Schofield, Kevin Yokim, and Maria Whitehead) recommends awarding the contract to Weston & Sampson. Council approval includes authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate a final cost and to execute all associated documents and contract agreements to proceed, pending County Attorney review and approval. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

BID NO. 45-24/25

Council Is Requested To Award Bid No. 45-24/25, Phase II For 24-Inch Off-Site Waste Main To Serve AESC To RWF Construction, LLC Of Effingham, SC In The Amount Of \$4,194,332.00 To Be Funded From SC Dept. Of Commerce Grant Funds. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough. Mr. Yokim stated that Alliance Engineering pre-qualified the bidders for the project. The invitation to bid was sent to the qualified bidders on March 27, 2025. The bid opening was held on April 29, 2025. Three (3) bids were received and compliant; RWF Construction, LLC is the lowest responsible bidder. Adam Hogan of Alliance Consulting Engineers recommends awarding RWF Construction, LLC. Gregory (Gregg) Robinson, CEO of Florence County Economic Development Partnership, recommends awarding RWF Construction, LLC. The bid



expires on July 29, 2025. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

RFQ NO. 47-24/25

Council Is Requested To Award RFQ No. 47-24/25, CM-R Services, Museum Expansion Project To Thompson Turner Construction Of Sumter, SC And Authorize The County Administrator To Execute A Contract Pending Successful Negotiations. **(2 Proposals Received)**. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that RFQ No. 47-24/25 was advertised on the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on April 7, 2025. Two proposals were received on April 30, 2025. The selection committee (Chairman William Schofield, Kevin Yokim, Shannon Munoz, Andrew Stout, and Elizabeth (Diddy) Anderson) recommends awarding the contract to Thompson Turner Construction. Council approval includes authorization for the County Administrator to negotiate a final cost and to execute all associated documents and contract agreements to proceed, pending County Attorney review and approval. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

TARTE ROAD

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$5,600.00 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocations For Engineering Services For A Preliminary Assessment/Drainage Study Of The Area Of Tarte Road Near Friendfield Road In Council District 2. Councilman Rodgers made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

MILESTONE LANE & CATO ROAD

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$7,500.00 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocations For Engineering Services For A Preliminary Assessment/Drainage Study Of Two Road Areas In Council District 5: Milestone Lane Near Poor Farm Road and Cato Road Near Pamplico Highway. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

BURCH'S MILL

Council Is Requested To Approve The Utilization Of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) For Beautification Projects At Burch's Mill From Council District 8 Infrastructure Funding Allocations. Councilman Mumford made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded. The motion was made unanimously by all the members present.



HALLMARK DEERFIELD DITCH STUDY

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Not To Exceed \$13,500.00 From Council District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocations For Preliminary Engineering For The Hallmark-Deerfield Ditch Study. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

DELL JOE CIRCLE

Council Is Requested To Approve District 5 Infrastructure Funding Allocations Not To Exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) For Drainage Improvements Located At Dell Joe Circle As A Change Order To An Existing Contract 33-24/25 With Chipley Company. Councilman Caudle made the motion, Councilman Dorriety seconded. Councilman Springs made the motion to amend to split the cost between Districts 5 & 8, and Councilman Dorriety seconded the amended motion. The motion to amend was approved unanimously by all the members present. The motion to approve as amended was approved unanimously by all the members present.

ST. JAMES LANE

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Not To Exceed \$15,000.00 From Council District 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocations, To Construct A 6" Full Depth Asphalt Patch And Remove A 50'x12' Section Of St. James Lane Where The Roots Have Taken Over. This Will Remove The Roots From The Existing Asphalt Roadway, But Will Not Prevent Them From Returning Over Time. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Yarborough seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

LIONS PARK

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$75,000 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocations To Enhance The Lake House At Lions Park. These Enhancements Include The Construction Of A Water Fountain And Waterfall Feature To Accompany The New Facility. This Will Serve As A Centerpiece To An Amazing Facility That Has Been Recently Constructed. Councilman Springs made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

JOHNSONVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$3,082.50 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocations To Place 45 Tons Of Class B Rip Rap In The Johnsonville Country Club. Councilman Rodgers made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

NORTH PITCH LANDING ROAD

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$3,225.00 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocations To Place 75 Tons Of MBC Stone On North Pitch Landing Road. Councilman Rodgers made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

ARLES ROAD

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$15,050.00 From Council District 2 RSMF Funding Allocations To Place 350 Tons Of MBC Stone On Arles Road. Councilman Rodgers made a motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended To Discuss A Personnel Matter. Vice-Chairman Yarborough made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by all the members present.

Council entered into an executive session at 10:24 A.M.

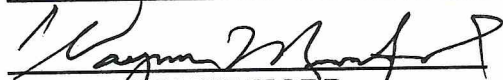
Council reconvened at 11:10 A.M.

No action was taken in executive session.

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 11:11 A.M.


WAYMON MUMFORD
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN


HOPE M. JONES
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 15, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 46-2024/25

A Resolution Authorizing The Execution Of A Quit-Claim Deed For Florence County's Interest In The Drive At The Kraft Linerboard Mill Road S-24, Approximately 0.45 Mile South Of Road S-610, Approximately 0.06 Mile, More Commonly Known As Mill Road; A Section Of Road From S-24, Approximately 0.3 Miles South Of Road S- 642 Easterly And North-Easterly, Approximately 0.84 Mile, More Commonly Known As Scale Road; And Additional Drives At The Kraft Linerboard South Carolina Industries Inc.(Plant, approximately 1.2 miles).

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PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 15, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 73-2024/25

An Ordinance To Ratify FY25 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously
Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

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PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 15, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 74-2024/25

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.

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PUBLIC HEARING

MAY 15, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025/26

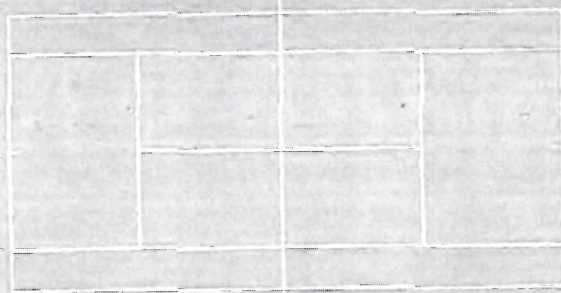
An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, And Ending June 30, 2026; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

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TOP 10 REASONS TO PLAY TENNIS

THE SPORT FOR A LIFETIME



YOUR BODY

GET FIT

Lose Weight, Burn Calories
An hour of singles play can burn 580-870 calories.

According to CDC, 11/11/11 Health Sports Med, 2012

LIVE LONGER

Playing just 3 hours per week will reduce your risk of heart disease 56%.

According to CDC, 2010/11 Journal of Internal Medicine, 2011

STRENGTHEN HEART, MUSCLES, AND BONES

Compared to other sports, tennis players have the lowest incidence of cardiovascular disease.

10 Year Study conducted by Harvard Medical School

DEVELOP HAND-EYE COORDINATION

Playing tennis involves several skills that all contribute to good hand-eye coordination. You can improve your agility, balance, coordination, reaction time and more.



YOUR LIFE

ENJOY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Great for the whole family, no matter what your age. With minimal equipment needed and plenty of courts nearby, it's easy to bring a friend or find one on the courts.

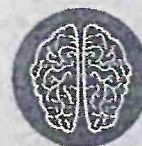
DEVELOP TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP

From doubles play to team and league play, tennis develops your ability to communicate and work together.

IMPROVE SOCIAL SKILLS

Tennis caters to all other sports in developing positive personality characteristics.

According to research by Dr. David G. Smith, J. Consulting, University of Illinois



YOUR BRAIN

REDUCE STRESS

Tennis helps you deal with physical, mental, social, and emotional challenges, and increases your capacity to deal with stress.

INCREASE BRAIN POWER

From alertness to tactical thinking, tennis enhances the neural connections in your brain. Kids who play tennis regularly get better grades.

According to a 2013 USFA study

LEARN TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

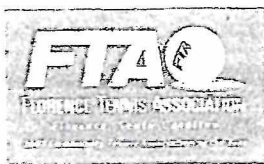
Tennis is a sport that is based on evaluating angles, geometry and physics to get the best result, which translates into better problem-solving off the court.

In the late 1990s, several experts proposed that tennis, since it requires alertness and tactical thinking, may generate new connections between nerves in the brain and promote a lifetime of continuing brain development. This was supported in John Ratey's book "Spark." Ratey was quoted in USA Today as saying, "A heart-thumping game of tennis can keep the brain in top shape."

Tennis is FUN! Get started TODAY!

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PRESENTATION TO FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

MAY 16, 2024

- The Florence Tennis Association (FTA) is an all-volunteer 501(c)3 organization with over 500 volunteer members. Its mission is to grow and develop the sport of tennis in Florence and Pee Dee area. We do this by using tennis to serve the community. We are affiliated with the United States Tennis Association, the USTA Southern Section, and USTA South Carolina.
- We manage or support dozens of major tournaments every year—college, high school, Southern, South Carolina and local recreational events. Last year, tourism revenues from these events amounted to over \$6.15 Million.
- We manage year-round adult and youth leagues with thousands of players from Florence and the surrounding area, and we do a tremendous amount of programming for the public—including low-cost beginner clinics and free programs for under-served kids.
- Since its inception in 2021, our Ron James Youth Tennis Program has served over 1,000 under-served area children. This program is part of the US Tennis Association's National Junior Tennis and Learning network, which was founded to motivate young people to succeed by combining tennis and academic support. The Ron James Program provides free after-school, weekend and summer programming in Florence, Darlington, Hartsville, and Bishopville, and we are in early discussions with Mr. Dawsey about expanding to the County courts in Johnsonville, at Greenwood Park and in Lake City.