

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 19, 2026, 9:00 A.M., COUNTY COMPLEX, 180 NORTH IRBY
STREET, ROOM 803, FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Kent C. Caudle, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Ashley Davison, Finance Director
Shannon Munoz, Deputy Administrator of Administration
Chief Billy Dillon, Fire Chief
Scott Tanner, Deputy Administrator of Operations
Reggie Sanders, Director of GIS
Carleton Snow, Director of Information Technology
Barrott Dowdy, Director of EMS
Mitch Fulmore, Deputy Administrator of Public Safety
Felicia Simon, Register of Deeds
Charlene Conner, Risk Management
Kristy Burch, Director of Emergency Management
Nathan Dawsey, Director of Parks & Recreation
Shawn Brashear, Director of Planning & Building, Code Enforcement
Andrew Stout, Director of the Museum
Barrott Dowdy, Director of EMS
Steve Allen, Director of Public Works
Chief Deputy Tommy Sullivan, Sheriff's Office
Chief Worrell, West Florence Fire Department
Deirdre Weaver-Currier, Post & Courier Editor

A notice of the regular meeting of the Florence County Council appeared in the February 17, 2026, 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 Yarborough called the meeting to order, and Secretary/Chaplain Mumford provided the invocation, and Vice-Chairman Schofield led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Council Is Requested To Approve The Minutes Of The January 15, 2026, Regular Meeting Of The County Council. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chair Schofield seconded, which was approved by all the members present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings held at this meeting.

APPEARANCES:

SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Robert Benfield Requests To Appear Before Council To Present Awards. Mr. Benfield presented awards to the Risk Management and Fire Rescue Departments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Committee of Justice & Public Safety: Councilman Springs gave an update on the Committee meeting that was held on January 15, 2026. The Justice & Public Safety Committee discussed Ordinance No. 38-2025/26 and was provided an update from Chief Dillon on the consolidation of the Unified Fire Department.

Chairman Yarborough provided the following changes to the committee assignments:

Administration & Finance

Chair: Councilman Moore

Members: Mumford, Dorriety, Yarborough



Public Services & County Planning

Chair: Councilman Caudle
Members: Springs, Rodgers

Justice & Public Service

Chair: Councilman Springs
Members: Moore, Dorriety

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare

Chair: Councilman Rodgers
Members: Caudle, Schofield

Agriculture, Forestry, Military Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations

Chair: Councilman Schofield
Members: Bradley, Yarborough

Additional Appointments:

- Vice-Chairman Schofield will replace Chairman Yarborough on the Florence Center Commission.
- Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments: Councilmen Moore and Rodgers, Mr. Rusty Smith, and Mr. Yokim will serve as representatives.
- Councilmen Caudle and Dorriety will continue to serve on the Economic Development Board.

PROCLAMATIONS:

MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF FLORENCE

The Clerk published the title of the Proclamation. A Proclamation To Proclaim The Week Of February 22-28, 2026, As Montessori Education Week. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chair Schofield seconded. The motion was approved by all the members present.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITIONS:

WEST FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TENNIS TEAM

The Clerk published the Resolution of Recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize The West Florence High School Girls' Tennis Team As The 2025/26 SCHSL 5A Division II State Champions. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Springs seconded. The motion was approved by all the members present. Councilman Bradley presented the framed Resolutions of Recognition to the West Florence High School Girls' Tennis Team.

SUSIE MARTINEZ

The Clerk published the Resolution of Recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize Susie Martinez For Receiving The 5A Division 2 Cross Country Individual State Championship And All-State Honors Award. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved by all the members present. Councilman Bradley presented the framed Resolution of Recognition.

SHELBY WHITE

The Clerk published the Resolution of Recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize Shelby White For Receiving The 5A/4A Individual Tennis State Championship And All-State Honors Awards In Tennis. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved by the members present. Councilman Bradley presented the framed Resolution of Recognition.

GRACE MURRELL

The Clerk published the Resolution of Recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize Grace Murrell For Receiving All-State Honors Awards In Tennis. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved by all the members present. Councilman Bradley presented the framed Resolution of Recognition.

ADDISON SUGGS AND LANA CLAIRE JORDAN

The Clerk published the Resolution of Recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize Addison Suggs And Lana Claire Jordan For Receiving The All-State Honors Award In Golf. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chair Schofield seconded. The motion was approved by all the members present. Councilman Bradley presented the framed Resolutions of Recognition.

ABBY SULLIVAN

The Clerk published the Resolution of Recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize Abby Sullivan For Receiving The Region 5A Coach Of The Year, Named The Assistant Coach For All-Star Match, And Named The South Carolina Coaches Association Tennis Coach Of The Year. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved by all the members present. Councilman Bradley presented the framed Resolution of Recognition.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2024/25 DEFERRED

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. 22-2025/26

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 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 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 six new CPSTIII-A projects (\$813,118), and a new CPSTIII-B project (\$1,071,000) for a total of \$1,884,118. The motion was approved by all the members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2025/26

A Resolution To Amend Section 4 Of Resolution No. 5-2009/10 To Authorize The Inclusion Of Two (2) Additional Participants And Establish Monthly And Daily Limits For The Two (2) Participants In The South Carolina Procurement Card Program. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers 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 in a timely and fully accounted for at all times in accordance with Section 1 of Resolution No. 5-2009/10. The motion was approved by all the members present.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION:

ORDINANCE NO. 71-2024/25 THIRD READING DEFERRED

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.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Future Land Use Designation From Variable Development District 1 To Variable Development District 2 And To Change The Zoning Designation From MR, Lower Density Mixed Residential



District To RU-2, Rural Resource District For The Property Located Off Of S. Firetower Road And E. Palmetto Street, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 00307, Block 01, Parcel 070; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 5 to 0; Council District 6). Councilman Moore made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Future Land Use Designation From Variable Development District 1 To Suburban Development District And To Change The Zoning Designation From Unzoned To R-2, Single-Family Residential District For The Property Located Off Of Arrowood Drive, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 01012, Block 01, Parcel 195; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 5 to 0; Council District 3). Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group Seven Of The Highway 76 Gateway Study From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 01012-01-042, 01012-01-043, 01012-01-044, 01012-01-045, 01012-01-046, 01012-01-047, 01012-01-048, 01012-01-049, 01012-01-050, 01012-01-051, 01012-01-052, 01012-01-053, 01012-01-054, 01012-01-055, 01012-01-056, 01012-01-057, 01012-01-058, 01012-01-059, 01012-01-060, 01012-01-061, 01012-01-062, 01012-01-063, 01012-01-064, 01012-01-065, 01012-01-066, 01012-01-067, 01012-01-068, 01012-01-069, 01012-01-070, 01012-01-071, 01012-01-072, 01012-01-073, 01012-01-074, 01012-01-075, 01012-01-076, 01012-01-077, 01012-01-095, 01012-01-118, 01012-01-119, 01012-01-121, 01012-01-125, 01012-01-126; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 5 to 0; Council District 3, 9). Councilman Moore made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group Seven Of The Highway 76 Gateway Study From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 00100-01-050, 00100-01-060, 00100-01-061, 00100-01-101, 01012-01-038, 01012-01-040, 01012-01-078; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 5 to 0; Council District 3, 9). by the members present. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.



ORDINANCE NO. 33-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group Seven Of The Highway 76 Gateway Study From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 00101-01-309, 00101-01-401, 00101-01-402; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 5 to 0; Council District 3). Councilman Rodgers made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group Seven Of The Highway 76 Gateway Study From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 90152-01-015, 90155-03-033, 90155-03-034, 90155-03-039, 90155-03-040, 90155-06-001, 90155-06-002, 90155-06-005, 90155-06-006; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 5 to 0; Council District 7). Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group Seven Of The Highway 76 Gateway Study From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 90155-03-001, 90155-03-002, 90155-03-003, 90155-03-004, 90155-03-005, 90155-03-006, 90155-03-007, 90155-03-008, 90155-03-009, 90155-03-010, 90155-03-011, 90155-03-012, 90155-03-013, 90155-03-014, 90155-03-015, 90155-03-016, 90155-03-017, 90155-03-018, 90155-03-019, 90155-03-020, 90155-03-021, 90155-03-022, 90155-03-024, 90155-03-025, 90155-03-026, 90155-03-027, 90155-03-028, 90155-03-038, 90155-04-001, 90155-04-002, 90155-04-003, 90155-04-004, 90155-04-005, 90155-04-006, 90155-04-007, 90155-04-008, 90155-04-009, 90155-04-010, 90155-04-011, 90155-04-012, 90155-04-013, 90155-04-014, 90155-04-015, 90155-04-016, 90155-04-017, 90155-04-018, 90155-04-019, 90155-04-020, 90155-04-022, 90155-05-001, 90155-05-002, 90155-05-003, 90155-05-004, 90155-05-005, 90155-05-006, 90155-05-007, 90155-05-008; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 5 to 0; Council District 7). Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Property Of Tax Map Number 00180, Block 01, Parcel 003 Located at 797 E. Howe Springs Road, Florence, SC From B-3, General Commercial District To RU-

1, Rural Community District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 5 to 0; Council District 7). Councilman Moore made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance For Text Amendments To The Florence County Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 30, ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE VII. – GENERAL AND ANCILLARY REGULATIONS, Sec. 244. – Number Of Principal Buildings/Uses On A Lot. (Planning Commission Approved (5 to 0). Councilman Springs made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 39-2025/26 THIRD READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Provide Certain Findings With Respect To The Road Maintenance Fee Required By The South Carolina Supreme Court In Burns V. Greenville County Council. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-2025/26 THIRD READING

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 \$12,000,000 Florence County Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (Capital Projects And Capital Reimbursements) Series 2026 By The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation In One Or More Series To Provide Funding To Finance The Costs Of Acquisition, Construction, Renovation, And Expansion Of County Facilities And To Reimburse The County For Certain Prior Capital Expenditures; Consenting To And Approving The Execution Of An Amended And Restated Base Lease Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina, And The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation; Consenting To And Approving The Execution Of A Second Amendment To Public Facilities Purchase And Occupancy Agreement By And Between Florence County, South Carolina And The Florence County Public Facilities Corporation; Consenting To The Form Of A Second 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. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by all the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2025/26 SECOND READING DEFERRAL

An Ordinance To Create A Class Of Property Defined As A Chronic Nuisance Property, To Provide Certain Remedies Including Civil Fines, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2025/26 (BY TITLE ONLY)

The Clerk published the title of the ordinance. An Ordinance To Create The Florence City-County Convention And Visitors Commission To Provide For The Operation Of The Florence Convention And Visitors Bureau To Include Provisions For Commission Organization And Funding And Other Matters Related Thereto.

Chairman Yarborough declared the ordinance introduced.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

DEVELOPING COMMUNITIES COMMISSION

Council Is Requested To Approve The Appointment Of Michelle Bailey To Serve On The Florence County Developing Communities Commission Board To Serve The Remainder Term Of Marsha Jordan Representing Olanta. Term Expiration Is June 30, 2026. Councilman Springs made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved by all the members present.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Mr. Yokim provided updates on projects.

CPST III:

District 1 – Construction is underway for Miles, Red, Joy, Gracelyn & Donald Roads, while Calvin Street and Maxie Thomas Road were added via change order with Council’s approval. Bid 13-25/26 was approved in October, and rocking construction is complete for the following roads: Beaumont, McElveen Cut Ave., Red Wing Ln., W. Oshay, Dublin, Wilson, S. Locklair, Margie Ln., Garris, Dory, Candice, and Clover Hill. Bids were received for Wallace St. on January 27th.

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

District 3 – The remaining projects are currently being reviewed and scheduled for future delivery by Davis & Floyd.

District 4 - The Deer Road water line extension is almost complete.

District 5 – Bid 51-24/25 includes four dirt-to-pave roads currently under construction: Eagerton, Park, Kerris Lane, and Karisma Rd.

District 6 –Construction for Swamp Fox Dr., Jamestown Road (including Jamestown Cemetery Road portion) is underway, and the pipework portion is complete.

District 7 - The Oakland Avenue sidewalk project (from Coker St. to E. Old Marion Hwy) is in the construction document phase, and drainage design is advancing.

District 8 – Projects are being scheduled for future delivery.

District 9 – Bid 56-24/25 was approved by Council in July, and construction is almost complete for resurfacing the following roads: Bryson Dr., Coventry Ln., Left Bank Dr., Mockingbird Cir., Lakeshore Dr., and Parkland Dr.

Other CPST III Construction Projects:

CPSTIII Timmons ville: Keith St., E. Clifford, 5th St., N. Pickney, and Bowman Cir. received bids on Jan. 27th, and are on February’s Council Agenda for approval of procurement contract.

CPST III-A:

District 1 – N. Floyd (to fire station) & Hagan are complete. The remaining portion of N. Floyd was approved and added to the existing contract.

District 2 – E. First Avenue was approved via Resolution 48-24/25 in May, and bids for the remainder of First Ave. were received on Jan. 27th. The construction contract for First Ave. will be presented to Council at the February meeting for approval.

District 3 – Sopkin and Harlee Blvd will be bid out in the spring.

District 4 – Lynches River Park Access improvements. The contract has been executed, and construction should begin within a few weeks. Sparks will be added to an existing bid via change order.

District 5 – Bid 10-25/26 is under construction and consists of the following roads: S. Railroad Avenue, Branch Rd., and Hewitt Cemetery Rd. East Industrial Park Blvd. was added via resolution at the November Council meeting.

District 6 - Dempsey was bid with several other roads in September.

District 7 – Construction on McMillan Lane and Quail Arbor Circle has begun. Tara Village drainage improvements are being reviewed by engineers. E. Siesta Drive’s scope may be reduced since piping, and a portion of paving has occurred. The engineers are clarifying the new scope.

District 8 – Projects are being reviewed for future delivery.

District 9 – Bid 56-24/25 was approved in July, and construction is nearing completion on Parkland Drive.

Montclair Way: The appraisal is complete, and the project can be bid in March. The SCDOT Encroachment Permit has been approved. Nesbit completed the Right-Of-Way survey plat. USACE approval has been granted. Alliance updated its design to include a traffic signal.

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

According to CPST III Engineer Todd Warren, 267 of 346 Road District projects have been completed, and 26 roads are under construction.



Departments:

Operations:

Water and Sewer Authority Study: Working with Kimley-Horn and water and sewer providers to facilitate meetings and gather information from entities that operate water and sewer systems in Florence County. The meeting will be held on March 2nd at the Lake House in Lake City for all providers to answer questions and provide information on the initiative.

Planning & Building:

FLATS:

- FLATS I-95/327 Interchange Study. On Monday, January 26, two meetings were held at the County Museum of which County Council, Planning Commissioners, and FLATS Policy Members were invited. The point of the meeting was to make these groups aware of the information that would be shared during an upcoming public drop-in meeting. Various concepts of the interchange were illustrated and discussed in detail. The public drop-in is pending the approval of the date/time by the Country Club of SC.
- Gateway TIF District: Check-In Meeting: A check-in meeting is scheduled for February 27, at 9:30 AM -11:00 AM.

Tax Assessor: The Florence County Board of Assessment Appeals heard the case between the owners of the Magnolia Mall and the Assessor’s Office over the dispute of market value. The FCBA ruled unanimously in favor of the Assessor’s Office. The Respondent has 30 days to appeal to the Administrative Law Court.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Are Provided To Council For The Fiscal Year 2026 Through December 31, 2025, As An Item For The Record.

RECRUITMENT & REFERRAL BONUS PROGRAM

Council Is Asked To Approve To Amend The Sheriff’s Office Recruitment & Referral Bonus Program. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated this program will NOT require additional funding. The proposed bonus program will be funded from current year salary savings. This program will provide \$5,000 sign on bonus for new SC CERTIFIED Deputies. Bonus will be paid at identified benchmarks (\$1,500/\$1,500/\$2,000) as documented in the attached agreement. This program will also incentivize current employees to recruit new employees by providing a one-time \$350 bonus for each new SC CERTIFIED Deputy hired. The required signed agreement allows for recovery of funds if the employee fails to maintain employment for a minimum of 24 months. The \$5,000 Sign on Bonus will only be for SC Certified Officers. The current Sign-on Bonus will continue for Non-Certified Officers. Hiring a SC certified officer eliminates at a minimum the first 20-25 weeks of training. This proposed Sign On Bonus will be more competitive since other SC agencies have increased their sign-on bonus programs, ranging up to \$10,000. The motion was approved by all the members present.



DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Council Is Asked To Approve The Declaration Of One (1) Glock Model 36 45 Caliber Handgun As Surplus Property For The Purpose Of Awarding It To An Employee's Family Who Died In The Line Of Duty On October 3, 2018. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chair Schofield seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that the Florence County Sheriff's Office is recommending that (1) Glock model 36 45 Caliber handgun, serial number VDN778, be declared surplus. Disposal will not impact ongoing operations. Florence County Code requires County Council approval for the disposal of surplus property. The motion was approved by all the members present.

POSITIONS

Council Is Requested To Authorize The Addition Of Six Battalion Chief Positions, Grade 34, And Three Assistant Chief Positions, Grade 37, For The Florence County Fire Rescue. Councilman Rodgers made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that Florence County Fire Rescue is expanding in size and responsibilities, as we integrate the non-profit departments into the County. With this growth, there is a clear need to enhance the leadership team to ensure effective administrative support and operational guidance in the field. Positions will be funded from Fund 37 and will be budget-neutral. The job descriptions for the Battalion Chief and Assistant Chief have been reviewed and approved by the HR Director. The motion was approved by all the members present.

DESIGN SERVICES

Council Is Requested To Approve An Agreement With Collins & Almers Architecture For Design Services For The New Florence County EMS Station 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 Vice-Chair Schofield 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 and Florence County EMS. 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 by all the members present.

BID NO. 20-25/26

Council Is Requested To Award Bid No. 20-25/26, Resurfacing Projects For Districts 1, 2, And The Town Of Timmonsville To Chipley Company, Inc. Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$1,315,146.24 To Be Funded From CPSTIII And CPSTIIIA Funds (***4 Compliant Bids***). Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that the bid was advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on December 19, 2025. The bid opening was held on January 27, 2026. Four (4) bids were received; four (4) bids were compliant. Chipley Company, Inc. is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. Steve Allen, Public Works Director, and Todd Warren, CPSTIII Program Administrator recommends awarding the

bid to Chipley Company, Inc. The bid expires April 27, 2026. The motion was approved by all the members present.

CHANGE ORDER NINE FOR BID NO. 52-23/24

Council Is Requested To Approve Change Order Nine For Bid No. 52-23/24 With R.E. Goodson Construction Company, Inc. In The Amount Of \$686,840.25 To Include Asphalt Surface Course Being Delayed Until Spring of 2026, Final Undercut And Replace Unsuitable Materials Encountered, Addition of Rolled Curb And Concrete Flumes Per FCEDP, Additional Paving Along North Williamson Road Per SCDOT, Revised Tie-Out Grades, And Reconciliation Of Asphalt Intermediate Course Quantities To Be Funded From SCDOC Grant Funds. This Change Order Also Increases Contract Time For Substantial Completion From 544 To 724 Calendar Days. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Bradley seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the original contract with R.E. Goodson Construction Company for Phase IIA and Phase IIB Boulevard Road Improvements to serve Florence Global Technology Park was approved by Council on April 18, 2024, for \$16,676,182.50. There have been eight change orders. This is the ninth change order, with the total contract price with all change orders being \$20,200,220.02. The motion was approved by all the members present.

DESIGN SERVICES AMENDMENT

Council Is Requested To Approve An Amendment To Agreement With McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture For Phase II Design Services Increasing The Basic Service Fee In The Amount Of \$320,000 Dollars. This Amendment Approves The Total Phase II Architecture Service Fee From \$1,414,170 to \$1,734,170 For The Expansion Of The Museum And Authorizes The County Administrator To Execute The Amendment. Vice-Chair Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that McMillan, Pazdan, Smith Architecture is on the On-Call List of architect firms approved by Council on June 15, 2023. McMillan, Pazdan, Smith were the original architectural firm that designed the Museum, and provided Phase I Design Services as approved by Council on October 19, 2023. This request amends the Phase II Design Services agreement with McMillan, Pazdan, Smith originally approved by Council on February 20, 2025, in the amount of \$1,414,770. This is due to increased construction cost projections. 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 by all the members present.

BID NO. 16-25/26

Council Is Requested To Award Bid No. 16-25/26, Sardis-Timmons ville Fire Station No. 2 Expansion To Hardee Construction Co., Inc. of Sumter, SC In The Amount Of \$1,323,000.00 To Be Funded From CPSTIII and CPSTIIIA Budgeted Funds (**5 Compliant Bids**). Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Bradley seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that the Bid was advertised in the South Carolina Business



Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter on November 12, 2025. The bid opening was held on January 9, 2026. Seven (7) bids were received; five (5) bids were compliant. Hardee Construction Co., Inc. is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. William Dillon, Fire Chief, recommends awarding the contract to Hardee Construction Co., Inc. The bid expires April 9, 2026. The motion was approved by all the members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Up To \$16,696 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocations For The Town Of Timmons ville’s Police Department For A Server, Firewall, And Related Appurtenances. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chair Schofield seconded. The motion was approved by all the members present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant To Section 30-4-70 Of The South Carolina Code Of Laws 1976, As Amended:

1. To Discuss A Legal Matter.
2. To Discuss A Contractual Matter.

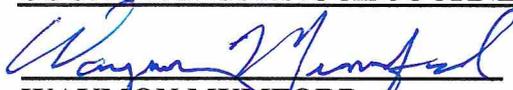
Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chair Schofield seconded, which was approved by all the members present.

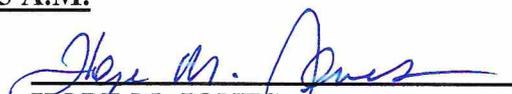
Chairman Yarborough stated no action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before Council, the Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn. Councilman Dorriety made the motion to adjourn, and Councilman Moore seconded, which was approved unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:55 A.M.


WAYMON MUMFORD
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN


HOPE M. JONES
CLERK TO COUNCIL

