

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL, THURSDAY,
APRIL 16, 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
Stoney C. Moore, Council Member
Andrew Rodgers, Jr., Council Member
Willard Dorriety, Jr., Council Member
Kent C. Caudle, Council Member
Kevin Yokim, County Administrator
D. Malloy McEachin, County Attorney
Hope M. Jones, Clerk to Council

ABSENT:

Waymon Mumford, Secretary/Chaplain
Jason M. Springs, Council Member
Dr. Alphonso Bradley, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Shannon Munoz, Deputy Administrator of Administration
Scott Tanner, Deputy Administrator of Operations
Carleton Snow, Director of Information Technology
Barrott Dowdy, Director of EMS
Mitch Fulmore, Deputy Administrator of Public Safety
Felicia Simon, Register of Deeds
Nathan Dawsey, Director of Parks & Recreation
Andrew Stout, Director of the Museum
Steve Allen, Director of Public Works
Tenae Reeves, Director of Human Resources
Jamie Floyd, Tax Assessor
Shawn Brashear, Director of Planning & Building and Codes Enforcement
Kayla Wilson, Grants Manager
Charlene Conner, Risk Management
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 April 14, 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.florencecountysc.gov). The Council meeting was made available via live stream at www.florencecountysc.gov. The video is archived on the County website.

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE/WELCOME:

Chairman Yarborough called the meeting to order, and Councilman Dorriety provided the invocation, and Vice-Chairman Schofield led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

Council Is Requested To Approve The Minutes Of The March 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Of The County Council. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, which was seconded by Councilman Rodgers, and was approved by the members present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Council Held Public Hearings To Receive Public Input With Regard To The Following:

ORDINANCE NO. 48-2025/26

An Ordinance To Provide Pursuant To Section 4-10-340(C)(3) Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, For The Expenditure Of Excess Funds Derived From The Capital Project Sales Tax Imposed In Florence County Pursuant To Article 3 Of Chapter 10 Of Title 4 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, And A Referendum Held In Florence County On November 3, 2020, To Specify The Purposes For Which Such Expenditure Will Be Made, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

APPEARANCES:

FLORENCE COUNTY INSTITUTE CLASS

A Presentation Of The First Cohort Class Of 2026, Florence County Institute. Mr. Yokim presented the framed certificates to the class.

CHARLES MCPHERSON- SUMMARY

Charles McPherson Appeared Before Council To Address A Matter Involving A Proposed Residential Development. Mr. McPherson appeared before Council on behalf of the residents of Country Manor, Carriage Place, and Richmond Hills subdivisions to express opposition to the proposed development of 102 single-wide mobile homes within the center of these communities. He raised concerns that the project's density—approximately five homes per acre- could create nuisance issues and strain the character of the surrounding neighborhoods, which he described as already economically vulnerable. He suggested that such conditions could contribute to an increase in crime. Mr. McPherson also emphasized

traffic concerns, noting that Arthur Road was originally designed to serve approximately 20 homes. He estimated that a development of this size could result in as many as 400 additional daily trips, potentially exceeding the road's intended capacity.

In addition, he questioned whether any environmental impact studies have been conducted and expressed concern that the project could lead to both community disruption and financial burdens for current residents.

Councilman Caudle asked if they have information on how they will provide water and sewer. Mr. McPherson stated that the City will provide.

KENNETH JONES- SUMMARY

Kenneth Jones, Carriage Place Homeowners Association, Appeared Before Council To Express Concerns That Affects The Carriage Place Subdivision. Mr. Jones spoke in opposition to the proposed 102-unit mobile home development. As an HOA board officer representing 58 homes, he expressed concerns about the developer's plan to route traffic through the Carriage Place cul-de-sac. He noted that residents are particularly worried about child safety, as well as the difficulty and potential hazards of entering and exiting driveways under increased traffic conditions. He also warned that the heavier volume of vehicles could accelerate road deterioration. Mr. Jones further cited concerns about a possible rise in vandalism, broader security issues, and other criminal activity, along with the potential negative impact on property values. Vice-Chairman Schofield emphasized that situations like this highlight the importance of zoning regulations within the county. He explained that in areas without zoning, an individual may apply for a permit, and there is nothing that can be done. Councilman Caudle added that approximately twelve years ago, a meeting was held at Greenwood Baptist Church with the Planning & Zoning Department, during which residents were encouraged to adopt zoning. At that time, residents opposed the idea due to concerns about potential tax increases. Councilman Caudle reiterated that zoning protections ultimately benefit homeowners in situations such as this.

DANNY ROGERS- SUMMARY

Mr. Danny Rogers Appeared Before Council To Express Concerns Regarding A Road In Timmons ville. Mr. Rogers was not originally listed on the agenda; however, Councilman Caudle and Councilman Dorriety made a verbal request to Chairman Yarborough to allow him to address the Council, which was granted. Mr. Rogers spoke regarding conditions on Triple R Road in Timmons ville. He stated that the road had been deeded to the County with the expectation that it would be maintained. He explained that he previously contacted former Councilman Mitchell Kirby to request that the road be cleaned and repaired, but, according to Mr. Rogers, no action was taken. As a result, residents undertook efforts themselves to fill potholes. Mr. Rogers further noted that approximately twelve years later, the County completed improvements on Vanhoutten Drive. He stated that residents subsequently brought their concerns to the media, after which Mr. Rusty Smith met with them. According to Mr. Rogers, both Mr. Smith and former Councilman Kirby

visited Triple R Road, and former Councilman Kirby indicated that the issue would be addressed; however, Mr. Rogers stated that no improvements were ultimately made.

PEE DEE COALITION

Denine Mitchell, Sexual Assault Program Director, Appeared Before Council To Speak About Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Ms. Mitchell stated April is both Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Prevention month, the theme this year is “Every story matters, and every voice counts.” She stated two events are happening this month: Self-defense class for women on Saturday at McLeod Fitness Center, and April 29th is Denim Day.

PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Mr. Don Strickland, Director Of The PDRTA, Appeared Before Council To Provide Updates On Current Projects. Mr. Strickland gave the presentation. He thanked Florence County and FLATS for the transit study.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Agriculture, Forestry, Military Affairs & Intergovernmental Relations (City-County Committee): Vice-Chair Schofield stated next meeting is April 22, 2026.

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITIONS:

ALL SAINTS’ EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

The Clerk published the resolution of recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize The All Saints’ Episcopal Day School As The SCISA Middle School Battle of The Books Champions. Councilman Moore made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved by the members present. Vice-Chairman Schofield presented the framed resolutions.

KING’S ACADEMY GOLF TEAM

The Clerk published the resolution of recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize The King’s Academy Golf Team As The SCISA 2A State Champions. Councilman Moore made the motion and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved by the members present. Councilman Caudle presented the framed resolutions.

KING’S ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL TEAM

The Clerk published the resolution of recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize The King’s Academy Volleyball Team As The SCISA 2A State Champions. Councilman Caudle made the motion and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved by the members present. Councilman Caudle presented the framed resolutions.

SNEED MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The Clerk published the resolution of recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize Sneed Middle School Boys' Basketball Team As 2026 Pee Dee Conference Boys Basketball Champions. Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. The motion was approved by the members present. Vice-Chairman Schofield presented the framed resolutions.

SNEED MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The Clerk published the resolution of recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize Sneed Middle School Girls' Basketball Team As 2025 Pee Dee District Girls Basketball Champions And 2026 Pee Dee Conference Girls Basketball Champions. Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved by the members present. Vice-Chairman Schofield presented the framed resolutions.

TIMMONSVILLE YOUTH RECREATION LEAGUE

The Clerk published the resolution of recognition in its entirety. A Resolution Of Recognition To Recognize The 12U Boys Basketball Team As 2026 South Carolina 12U Division 2 State Champions. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Schofield seconded. The motion was approved by the members present. Chairman Yarborough presented the framed resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2025/26

The Clerk published the title of the resolution. An Inducement Resolution Providing For Incentive Agreements Between Florence County And Project Bubble And Approving Reimbursable Payments By Florence County And A Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. Mr. Yokim stated that a company identified as Project Bubble desires to invest capital in the County to expand a manufacturing facility in the County. Project Bubble is anticipating an investment of at least \$38,925,000 and the creation of approximately 108 new full-time jobs. The Company (Project Bubble) has requested that the County enter into an incentive agreement providing for a fee in lieu of tax and special source revenue credits with respect to the Project. The County desires to provide a cash grant of \$250,000 for reimbursement of eligible infrastructure costs which will come from Economic Development funds. The motion was approved by the members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2025/26

The Clerk published the title of the resolution. Resolution Designating Specific Individual Projects To Be Funded From CPST III Excess Pursuant To Section 2.02 Of Ordinance 16-2023/24. Vice-Chairman Schofield 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 CPSTIII-A projects (\$132,137) and two new CPSTIII-B projects (\$426,456). The motion was approved by the members present.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2025/26

The Clerk published the title of the resolution. A Resolution Authorizing The Use Of Condemnation To Acquire The Three Remaining Temporary And Permanent Easements Necessary For The Construction Of A Wastewater Force Main Serving The Florence Global Technology Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. Mr. Yokim stated Florence County in collaboration with the City of Florence and SC Department of Commerce is installing a sewer force main to support infrastructure development at Florence Global Technology Park. This infrastructure project has been funded with SC Department of Commerce grant dollars and City of Florence bond funds. Florence County and the City of Florence have successfully received easement agreements from 25 of 28 landowners needed for the project. Good faith efforts to reach out via in person visits, telephone and email were unsuccessful with the outstanding landowners. Before initiating a condemnation action, Florence County obtained an appraisal to determine a just amount of compensation. The County made the appraisal available to the landowner. Letters and accompanying appraisals were sent via certified mail to outstanding easement property owners on March 16, 2026, with a return service requested by April 6, 2026. Responses were not received by April 6, 2026; thus Florence County needs to proceed with condemnation of the easement areas to maintain the project schedule. Offered compensation for the remaining parcels totals \$18,910.00, to be funded from Fund 111, Economic Development Capital Projects. The motion was approved by 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. 41-2025/26 THIRD READING

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. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved on the third reading of the ordinance by the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2025/26 SECOND READING *Deferred*

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. 42-2025/26 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation From R-5, Multi-Family Residential District To B-3, General Commercial District For The Property Located At 118 Third Loop Road, Florence, SC, As Shown On Florence County Tax Map Number 00151, Block 01, Parcel 015; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 6 to 0; Council District 5). Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. Mr. Yokim stated this zoning map amendment was requested by Vinestreet Investments, LLC. The subject property is zoned R-5, with commercial uses. The surrounding properties are zoned B-3 and City of Florence zoning. The motion was approved on the second reading of the ordinance by the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2025/26 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group One Of The Highway 76 Corridor Study On West Palmetto Street From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 01012-01-004, 01012-01-008, 01012-01-015, 01012-01-016, 01012-01-240; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council District 9). Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the recommended zoning for these properties is R-4, Multi-Family Residential District, Limited. This request is made by Florence County and recommended by the Planning Commission. The subject properties are unzoned with residential uses. The surrounding properties are unzoned. The motion was approved on the second reading by the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2025/26 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group One Of The Highway 76 Corridor Study On West Palmetto Street From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 00075-01-011, 00075-01-012, 00075-01-071, 00075-01-176, 00075-01-177, 00075-01-239, 00100-01-099, 00100-01-154, 00100-01-187, 01012-01-014, 01012-01-017, 01012-01-026, 01012-01-027, 01012-01-028, 01012-01-029, 01012-01-030, 01012-01-031, 01012-01-032, 01012-01-033,

01012-01-034, 01012-01-035, 01012-01-036, 01012-01-037, 01012-01-113, 01012-01-196, 01012-01-241, 01012-01-270; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council Districts 4 & 9). Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the recommended zoning for these properties is B-3, General Commercial District. This request is made by Florence County and recommended by the Planning Commission. The subject properties are unzoned with residential and commercial uses. The surrounding properties are unzoned or subject to the City of Florence Zoning. The motion was approved on the second reading of the ordinance by the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2025/26 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group One Of The Highway 76 Corridor Study On East Palmetto Street From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 90152-01-011, 90155-01-003, 90155-01-005, 90155-01-006, 90155-01-007, 90155-01-008, 90155-01-009, 90155-02-002, 90155-02-003, 90155-02-004, 90155-02-005, 90155-02-007, 90155-02-009, 90155-02-010, 90155-02-011, 90155-02-012, 90155-02-013, 90155-02-014, 90155-02-015, 90155-02-016, 90155-02-017; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council District 7). Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the recommended zoning for these properties is RU-1, Rural Community District. This request is made by Florence County and recommended by the Planning Commission. The subject properties are unzoned with residential uses. The surrounding properties are unzoned, commercial mixed-use (CMU), lower density, mixed residential (MR) and single-family residential (R-2) districts. The motion was approved on the second reading of the ordinance by the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2025/26 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group One Of The Highway 76 Corridor Study On East Palmetto Street From Unzoned. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 90152-01-018, 90152-01-019, 90152-01-020, 90152-01-022, 90152-01-025, 90152-01-027; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council District 7). Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the recommended zoning for these properties is MR, Lower Density, Mixed Residential District. This request is made by Florence County and recommended by the Planning Commission. The subject properties are unzoned with residential, vacant, and commercial uses. The surrounding properties are unzoned and MR, Lower Density, Mixed Residential District. The motion was approved on the second reading of the ordinance by the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2025/26 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Properties In Group Eight Of The East Highway 76 Gateway Study From Unzoned. Furthermore, The Requirements 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 Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 90155-01-001, 90155-02-018, 90155-02-019, 90155-02-020; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council District 7). Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the recommended zoning for these properties is RU-1, Rural Community District. This request is made by Florence County and recommended by the Planning Commission. The subject properties are unzoned with residential uses. The surrounding properties are unzoned, commercial mixed-use (CMU), and single-family residential (R-2) districts. The motion was approved on the second reading of the ordinance by the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-2025/26 SECOND READING

The Clerk published the title of the Ordinance. An Ordinance To Provide Pursuant To Section 4-10-340(C)(3) Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, For The Expenditure Of Excess Funds Derived From The Capital Project Sales Tax Imposed In Florence County Pursuant To Article 3 Of Chapter 10 Of Title 4 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, And A Referendum Held In Florence County On November 3, 2020, To Specify The Purposes For Which Such Expenditure Will Be Made, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Schofield seconded. Mr. Yokim stated on November 3, 2020, the County had a referendum on Capital Project Sales Tax and in the referendum the voters approved the issuance of Capital Project Sales Tax bond. These bonds are payable through the revenue derived from the imposition of the Capital Project Sales Tax. The bonds mature on June 1, 2028. All of the initial projects are fully funded, and the County continues to collect revenues derived from the imposition of the Capital Project Sales Tax. The County plans to allocate \$100,000 excess collections to defray the cost of demolition of the old Timmonsville High School in the County for redevelopment of the site for qualifying governmental purposes. The motion was approved on the second reading of the ordinance by the members present.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-2025/26 INTRODUCTION

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 Unzoned For The Properties In Group One Of The Highway 76 Corridor Study. This Amendment Shall Apply To The Following Properties As They Are Reflected On The Tax Maps As: 90152-01-004, 90152-01-005, 90152-01-006, 90152-01-012, 90152-01-013, 90152-01-014, 90152-01-017, 90152-01-026; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 7 to 0; Council District 7)

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2025/26 INTRODUCTION

An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Property Of Tax Map Number 00180, Block 01, Parcel 111 Located Off Of East Howe Springs Road, Florence, SC, From R-4 Multi-Family Residential District, Limited to B-3, General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 6 to 1; Council District 5)

ORDINANCE NO. 51-2025/26 INTRODUCTION

An Ordinance To Change The Zoning Designation For Property Of Tax Map Number 00180, Block 01, Parcel 188 Located At 2106 East Howe Springs Road, Florence, SC, From RU-1 Rural Community District to B-3 General Commercial District; And Other Matters Related Thereto. (Planning Commission Approved 6 to 1; Council District 5)

ORDINANCE 52-2025/26 (By Title Only) INTRODUCTION

An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Tax Agreement By And Between A Company Identified As “Project Bubble” (The “Company”) And Florence County, South Carolina (The “County”) To Provide For The Payment Of Certain Fees In Lieu Of Taxes, The Issuance Of Certain Special Source Revenue Credits, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 53-2025/26 INTRODUCTION

An Ordinance To Amend The Agreement For Development Of A Multi-County Industrial And Business Park By And Between Florence County And Marion County, South Carolina, Providing For The Development Of A Jointly Owned And Operated Industrial/Business Park So As To Include Additional Property In Florence County Related To Project Bubble (The “Company”) As Part Of The Joint County Industrial/Business Park, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 54-2025/26 (By Title Only) INTRODUCTION

An Ordinance To Ratify FY26 Budget And Grant Council Actions Previously Authorized By Council And Other Matters Related Thereto.

ORDINANCE NO. 55-2025/26 (By Title Only) INTRODUCTION

An Ordinance To Provide For The Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding Four Million Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$4,360,000) 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. 01-2026/27 INTRODUCTION

An Ordinance To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes In Florence County For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, And Ending June 30, 2027; To Provide For The Appropriation Thereof; To Provide For Revenues For The Payment Thereof; And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

Chairman Yarborough declared the ordinances introduced.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

CITY-COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Council Is Requested To Approve The Appointments Of Robin Osborne, Warren Snell, And Phillip “Shady” Rodgers To Serve On The City- County Convention And Visitors Bureau Commission With The Appropriate Expiration Term. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. The motion was approved by the members present.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

Mr. Yokim provided updates on projects.

CPST III:

District 1 – Wallace Street is under contract, and construction is being scheduled. Construction is underway for Maxie Thomas Road.

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

District 3 – The PO is being issued for Holloway Lane design. The remaining projects are currently being reviewed and scheduled for future delivery by Davis & Floyd.

District 4 – Heyward & W. Robinson Ct. will begin construction once the PO is issued. The Deer Road water line extension is almost complete.

District 5 – Will be issuing the final pay application for Eagerton Rd (complete), Park, Kerris Lane, and Karisma Rd.

District 6 –Construction for Swamp Fox Dr., Jamestown Road (including Jamestown Cemetery Road portion) is substantially 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 – W. Lake, W. Emery, S. Sandy, Lake Oakdale, S. Swan, Jefferson, W. Spencer, & S. Lady bid is on April’s agenda for approval under Bid 29-25/26. Bid 56-24/25 was approved in July, and construction is substantially 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: All Timmons ville roads have been addressed, except Cooper Lane (need to determine whether it is public). Keith St., E. Clifford, 5th St., N. Pickney, and Bowman Cir. are under contract.

Johnsonville, Lake City, Pamplico, and Coward projects are completed.

Quinby - Projects ongoing. \$765,356.59 of \$1.5m expended.

Scranton – Water Complete. \$52,998.90 remains on the project Town Hall.

Olanta - \$15,681.38 remains in sewer.

CPST III-A:

District 1 - The remaining portion of N. Floyd is under construction.

District 2 – Construction for First Ave is being scheduled.

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

District 4 – Lynches River Park Access improvement 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. is in the PO process, which will be issued soon.

District 6 – Dempsy, Ard, and Atlas will have the PO issued once bonds are received.

District 7 – Sopkin Ave. & Harlee Blvd. will be bid out in the spring. Engineers are reviewing Tara Village drainage improvements. E. Siesta Drive’s scope may be reduced since piping and a portion of paving have occurred. The engineers are clarifying the new scope.

District 8 – Windsor Forest Drive is on April’s agenda for approval under Bid 29-25/26.

District 9 – Lindsey, Tiffany, Nantucket, Waters Edge, Mallard, Rodanthe, Conner, & Teal are on April’s agenda for approval under Bid 29-25/26.

Montclair Way: The project will be bid in April.

Departments:

Operations:

Water & Sewer Authority Study: Conducted a meeting with Kimley-Horn and water and sewer providers to provide a briefing on the Florence County Water and Sewer Authority Feasibility Study-- Providers are now providing data to Kimley-Horn, who need to complete the study—initial findings are expected within the next couple of months.

Public Works: Florence County Animal Services has recently implemented a Managed Intake Process designed to reduce euthanasia rates, protect healthy animals from unnecessary shelter exposure, and create stronger community partnerships. This structured approach prioritizes owner-assisted rehoming, rescue outreach, and transparent communication while preserving shelter capacity for at-risk animals. Owners wishing to voluntarily surrender their pets are guided through a short waiting period, while rehoming and rescue opportunities are explored, without the pet entering the shelter ... thus increasing positive outcomes, preserving shelter capacity, and maintaining humane, responsible operations. Thanks to Program Coordinator Danielle Poston for her work in researching and implementing this change in operations.

Parks & Recreation: LRCP Horse Trails/Campground (New Campground Completed, Trails Nearing Completion (95%), Horse Arena Completed, & Equestrian Campground Completed.

Museum:

Browntown: Andrew Stout and Scott Collins are working on a master plan for the property to include relocating some structures on the property to provide more space to access the gin house.

Sheriff's Office:

Litter: During March they collected 1,776 bags of litter, 179 tires, and cleaned almost 40 miles of road.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Financial Reports Are Provided To Council For The Fiscal Year 2026 Through February 28, 2026, As An Item For The Record.

CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT *Deferred*

Council Is Asked To Enter Into A Contractual Agreement Between Florence County And Textron Financial Corporation.

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT

Council Is Requested To Approve The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025. Councilman Caudle made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Schofield seconded. Mr. Yokim stated year ending June 30, 2025, has been performed by the firm Mauldin and Jenkins. Grant Davis, a partner with the firm, was in attendance to present the audit. He delivered the audit presentation and outlined the firm's recommendations. The motion was approved by the members present.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Council Is Requested To Approve The Purchase Of Property Designated As Tract 2, Tax Map Number 70007-13-020 Containing 1.76 Acres Of Land In The Amount Of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000), Needed For Drainage Outfall For The Timmonsville Library To Be Funded From CPSTIII-A, And Authorize The County Attorney To Execute The Appropriate Documents. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Schofield seconded. Mr. Yokim stated this will be funded from CPSTIII-A. When the Timmonsville Library was constructed, the construction plan included a drainage outfall behind the library, but the County didn't own the property. The property owner is willing to sell the land pending Council approval, the County will move forward with the transaction. The motion was approved by the members present.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY *Deferred*

Council Is Requested To Approve An Amendment To The Contract For The Real Property Identified As Florence County TMS #90159-02-023, Adding An Additional 0.29 Acres, And To Authorize The County Administrator To Execute The Appropriate Documents Pending Review By The County Attorney.

RECRUITMENT & REFERRAL

Council Is Asked To Approve The EMS Chief's Requests To Create An Internal EMS Recruitment & Referral Bonus Program. Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. Mr. Yokim stated this program is modeled much like the Sheriffs Office Recruitment & Referral Program. No additional funding is required. Current year salary savings would fund the program if approved. The \$5,000.00 Sign on Bonus will be only for Paramedics carrying a National Registry Certification with a minimum of 1-year field experience as a certified paramedic provider. Bonus funds will be paid at identified benchmarks (\$1,500/\$1,500/\$2,000) as documented in the attached agreement. The required signed agreement allows for recovery of funds if employee fails to maintain employment for a minimum of 24 months. This program will also incentivize current Florence County employees to recruit new employees by providing a one-time \$350.00 bonus for each new Nationally Registry Paramedic hired. Hiring a Nationally Registry Paramedic eliminates at a minimum the first 18 to 24 months of an Emergency Medical Technician being hired and going through paramedic training. This also removes the cost associated with training Paramedics which is currently \$6,150.00 without tuition assistance. With tuition assistance the cost is \$4,650.00. The motion was approved by the members present.

DECLARATION OF SURPLUS

Council Is Asked To Approve The Declaration Of Various Computer Equipment As Surplus. Items Are To Be Disposed Of By The Company Upcycle. Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. Mr. Yokim stated all items to be disposed of are listed on the spreadsheets and are considered obsolete and of no use

to the county. Disposal of these items will not impact ongoing operations. There will not be a charge to the County by the company Upcycle. Florence County Code requires County Council approval for the disposal of surplus property. The motion was approved by the members present.

POSITIONS

Council Is Requested To Authorize The Addition Of Five Captains Positions, Grade 29, Six Lieutenant Positions, Grade 28, Three Firefighter/Driver Positions, Grade 27, Six Firefighter Positions, Grade 26, Two Part-Time Captain Positions, Grade 29, One Part-Time Lieutenant, Grade 28, and Ten Part-Time Firefighter Driver Positions, Grade 27 For The Florence County Fire Rescue. Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Dorriety seconded. Mr. Yokim stated Florence County Fire Rescue is expanding in size and responsibilities, as we integrate the non-profit departments into the County. With Florence County Fire Rescue assuming the responsibilities of the non-profit personnel, there is a clear need for these personnel to be employed by Florence County. Positions need be approved so vacancies can be filled. Positions will be funded from Fund 37 and will be budget-neutral. The motion was approved by the members present.

BID NO. 29-25/26

Council To Award Bid No. 29-25/26, CPSTIII Resurfacing Projects For Districts 8 And 9 To Chipley Company, Inc. Of Florence, SC In The Amount Of \$2,466,138.38 To Be Funded From CPSTIII, A, And B Program Funds (**3 Compliant Bids**). Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Moore seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the Bid was advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter and Bidnet on March 12, 2026. The bid opening was held on April 1, 2026. Three (3) bids were received; three (3) bids were compliant. Chipley Company, Inc. is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. J. Mike Simpson, Jr., CPSTIII Program Administrator, recommends awarding the bid to Chipley Company, Inc. The bid expires July 1, 2026. The motion was approved by the members present.

BID NO. 18-25/26

Council Is Requested To Award Bid No. 18-25/26, Florence Interstate Monument Signs To Rite Lite Signs, Inc. of Concord, NC In The Amount Of \$775,715.00 To Be Funded Equally From Funds 111, 123, And 124 (**1 Compliant Bid**). Councilman Moore made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Schofield seconded. Mr. Yokim stated the Bid was advertised in the South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO) Newsletter and Bidnet on February 26, 2026. The bid opening was held on March 11, 2026. This was the second time this project was bid; the first bid resulted in no bidders. One (1) bid was received; one (1) bid was compliant. Rite Lite Signs, Inc. is the lowest responsible, responsive bidder. The bid expires June 11, 2026. If approved, lighting will need to be added to this project via change order since the project engineers did not provide specs for the lighting at the time of bid. This approval allows the County Administrator to negotiate a price for lighting after contract. The motion was approved by the members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INFRASTRUCTURE:

COVE POINTE DRIVE

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$11,000.00 From Council Districts 3 & 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocations (\$5,500 From Each District) To Remove Blockages From Ditches At 499 Cove Point Drive. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved by the members present.

KERSHAW STREET

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$3,500.00 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocations To Have A Large Oak Tree Removed Beside The Roadway At The Corner Of Kershaw Street In Timmonsville. This Will Include Clean Up, Haul Off, Stump Grinding, And Placing Dirt Back In The Stump Hole. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Schofield seconded. The motion was approved by the members present.

HAMPTON POINT

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$16,954.00 From Council District 9 Infrastructure Funding Allocations For Hampton Point Storm Drainage Repair. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Schofield seconded. The motion was approved by the members present.

PEE DEE COALITION *Amended*

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$10,000.00 From Council District 4 Infrastructure Funding Allocations To Assist With The Floor Repair And Rehab Project At The Emergency Shelter. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Schofield seconded. The motion was approved by the members present. Councilman Moore stated he would contribute half the cost (\$5,000.00).

CITY OF LAKE CITY

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$39,000 From Council District 1 Infrastructure Funding Allocations To Assist The City Of Lake City For Replacing/Upgrading Lines On Pine Street, Godwin Street, Peachtree Street, And Deep River Street. Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved by the members present.

TOWN OF PAMPLICO

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Of Not To Exceed \$139,000 From Council District 2 Infrastructure Funding Allocations To Assist The Town Of Pamplico

With Water Leaks, Auto Read Meter Kits, And Repairs And Upgrades. Councilman Rodgers made the motion, and Councilman Caudle seconded. The motion was approved by the members present.

ROAD SYSTEM MAINTENANCE FEE (RSMF):

FIFTH STREET

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$10,237.00 From Council District 4 RSMF Funding Allocations To Place 350 Tons Of MBC Stone On Fifth Street In Timmons ville. Councilman Dorriety made the motion, and Vice-Chairman Schofield seconded. The motion was approved by the members present.

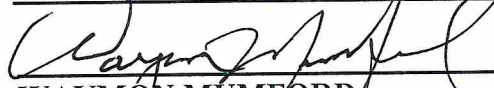
SOUTH CAMERON ROAD

Council Is Requested To Approve The Expenditure Not To Exceed \$9,000.00 From Council District 1 RSMF Funding Allocations To Place 250 Tons Of MBC Stone On S. Cameron Road By Kirven Construction. Vice-Chairman Schofield made the motion, and Councilman Rodgers seconded. The motion was approved by the members present.

ADJOURN:

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

COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:51 A.M.


WAYMON MUMFORD
SECRETARY-CHAPLAIN


HOPE M. JONES
CLERK TO COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 16, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 48-2025/26

An Ordinance To Provide Pursuant To Section 4-10-340(C)(3) Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, For The Expenditure Of Excess Funds Derived From The Capital Project Sales Tax Imposed In Florence County Pursuant To Article 3 Of Chapter 10 Of Title 4 Of The Code Of Laws Of South Carolina, 1976, As Amended, And A Referendum Held In Florence County On November 3, 2020, To Specify The Purposes For Which Such Expenditure Will Be Made, And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
1.	<i>Denny Rogers</i>	<i>2965 TRIPPLE RD</i>	<i>843-495-7147</i>
2.	<i>Charles B. [unclear]</i>	<i>2403 Arthur</i>	<i>843-409-2645</i>
3.	<i>Ken [unclear]</i>	<i>2101 Newkirkwood</i>	<i>843-407-4248</i>
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*Did not pertain to the ordinance
for PTT.*

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