

**COMMITTEE OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY COUNCIL ON
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, MILITARY AFFAIRS &
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021,
10:00 A.M., IN THE COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 804,
OF THE COUNTY COMPLEX, FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT WERE:

Alphonso Bradley, Committee Chairman
Frank J. "Buddy" Brand, II, Committee Member
Jerry Yarborough, Committee Member
K. G. Rusty Smith, Jr., County Administrator
Connie Y. Haselden, Clerk to Council

The notice of the meeting and copies of the meeting Agenda were posted in the lobby of the County Complex and provided to the media and others requesting copies of meeting agendas in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act requirements for notice of meetings.

Committee Chairman Bradley called the meeting to order. Councilman Yarborough provided the invocation and Councilman Brand led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Yarborough made a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting. Councilman Brand seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Bradley provided an overview of the responsibilities of the Committee and its involvement with other entities. Previously, the responsibilities of the Committee included the City-County Conference Committee which was a joint meeting between the County and members of the Florence City Council. It has been suggested that the Committee expand to include the other eight municipalities in meetings, not just the City of Florence.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the members to schedule meetings semi-annually or as needed if issues arise. In response to a question from Councilman Yarborough, Chairman Bradley advised that an Agenda would be developed for the meetings so that there would be a set topic for discussion at each meeting. Councilman Brand stated one of the items that came from the City-County Conference Committee was the beautification efforts for the entrances/corridors into the County. Mr. Smith stated that at its last meeting Council approved the gateway enhancement program on 76 and the contract was awarded.

Mr. Smith stated also, on the Agenda for the next County Council meeting was interstate lighting. Council would be requested to contribute \$36,000 from district infrastructure funding for half the cost of converting 4,500 street lights to LED lighting, with the caveat

that the City of Florence accept the responsibility for interstate lighting at the I-95 interchanges. He had maps indicating the lights that were within the municipal limits of the City of Florence.

Another item for discussion that Councilman Brand was going to bring up with the City was water and sewer installation at the economic development industrial sites, particularly the Florence East site that was currently progressing. Councilman Yarborough asked if this Committee would be the one to address tap fees outside the City limits. He had several rural areas that needed service but the tap fees had gone from \$800 to \$3,200. Councilman Brand stated that in his opinion that was the perfect Committee to open that discussion. Chairman Bradley stated no decisions would necessarily be made during those meetings, but the discussion of the topics would be opened and each entity would then go back and develop a plan for moving forward or providing a response on each issue.

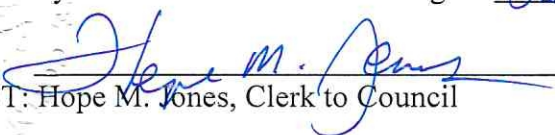
Chairman Bradley said to recap the discussion, meetings would be set for one hour on a semi-annual basis or as needed. He would ask that the County host the first meeting with one agenda item being an update on what has already been accomplished. He would like to open with a meeting with successes to get the dialogue started, such as the corridor enhancement project. One of the first items he would like to discuss was road paving. In reviewing the road list the City placed on the ballot for the CPST III, he noted that it included a lot of roads that were paved by the County within the last 5 years through the CPST II. The thought was to avoid duplication and utilize the funding for additional roads that needed repairs. Councilman Brand suggested we offer for the City to provide any items they wanted to add to the agenda as well.

In discussing a potential date to set the first meeting, it was decided to look at the middle of September. Chairman Bradley stated he would reach out to the City to determine a date that would be convenient for all involved.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Councilman Yarborough made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Brand seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:22 A.M.

Approved by the Committee at its meeting on July 16, 2026


ATTEST: Hope M. Jones, Clerk to Council