

SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014 - 3:00 P.M.

CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

324 WEST EVANS STREET

FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance

III. ORDINANCES IN POSITION

a. Bill No. 2014-18 – SECOND READING

An Ordinance to abandon unopened portions of Sumter Street and Batavia Street located in the triangle east of North Irby Street; north of Darlington Street, and west of the S.C.L. Railroad right-of-way, all within an area shown on a plat prepared by Engineering Consultants, Inc. and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County in Plat Book 83 at Page 301.

IV. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Bill No. 2014-20 – FIRST READING

An Ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Legal Matter

VI. ADJOURN

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 15, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance No. 2014-18: An ordinance to abandon unopened portions of Sumter and Batavia Streets located east of N. Irby Street.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: City Manager and City Attorney

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

An ordinance to abandon the unopened portions of Sumter Street and Batavia Street which are located East of N. Irby Street within the area shown on the plat prepared by Engineering Consultants, Inc., which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County in Plat Book 83 at page 301 in order that said land area can be transferred to Hope Health for the new development of the medical facilities.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

(a) By Ordinance 2013-26, City Council authorized the conveyance of the old Bush Site and adjacent properties to Hope Health.

(b) As shown on the Plat attached as Exhibit A hereto, unopened portions of Sumter and Batavia Streets exist in the middle of the properties being conveyed and the property on which these portions of the streets sit is needed for the Hope Health development.

(c) Pursuant to the provisions of §§5-27-150 and 5-7-40 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and §2-28 of the Florence City Code, the City of Florence has the authority to abandon streets and rights-of-way and to convey the property to adjacent landowners.

(d) The City has properly published the public notice required by §2-28(b) of the City Code in the Morning News, and, prior to second reading, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the abandonment after due notice of the same.

(e) The following City of Florence departments were contacted regarding the abandonment of the right-of-way: Fire; Police; Public Works; Utilities; Engineering; and Planning, Research, and Development. None of the aforementioned departments found any reason to maintain the City's interest in this alley.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

(a) This Ordinance abandons portions of streets that have not been opened.

(b) Hope Health needs to own the property currently occupied by the unopened streets in order to develop the health facility planned.

IV. OPTIONS:

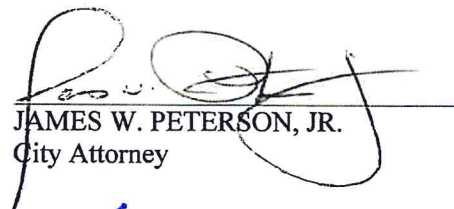
City Council may (1) adopt the Ordinance on first reading as presented based on information submitted; (2) amend the Ordinance and accomplish first reading; (3) defer action should additional information be needed; or (4) suggest other alternatives.

V. RECOMMENDATION:


City Manager and City Attorney recommend adoption of the Ordinance.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- (a) Plat showing the portion of the streets being abandoned.
- (b) Proposed Ordinance No. 2014-18.



JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.
City Attorney



ORDINANCE NO. 2014-18

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON UNOPENED PORTIONS OF SUMTER STREET AND BATAVIA STREETS LOCATED IN THE TRIANGLE EAST OF NORTH IRBY STREET, NORTH OF DARLINGTON STREET, AND WEST OF THE S.C.L. RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY, ALL WITHIN AN AREA SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC. AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR FLORENCE COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 83 AT PAGE 301.

WHEREAS, a request has been made for the City to abandon its interest in the unopened portions of Sumter Street and Batavia Street which are located East of N. Irby Street within the area shown on the plat prepared by Engineering Consultants, Inc., which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County in Plat Book 83 at page 301 in order that said land area can be transferred to HopeHealth for the new development of the medical facilities;

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held before the Planning Commission on May 13, 2014 and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, Sections 5-27-150 and 5-7-40 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and Section 2-28 of the Florence City Code provide for the closing and abandonment of public street right-of-ways by City Council;

WHEREAS, a public notice was published three times in the Morning News prior to the April 21, 2014 City Council meeting as required by Florence City Code Section 2-28(b) and adjacent property owners and utility providers were notified; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Florence and the public in general that these unopened streets be abandoned with ownership of the real estate on which the streets are located reverting to the abutting property owner, which is presently the City of Florence, and which will soon be HopeHealth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Florence in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof:

1. That, pursuant to the provisions of §§5-27-150 and 5-7-40 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and §2-28 of the Florence City Code, the City of Florence hereby abandons the unopened portions of Sumter Street and Batavia Street which are located East of N. Irby Street within the area shown on the plat prepared by Engineering Consultants, Inc., which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County in Plat Book 83 at page 301 in order that said land area can be transferred to Hope Health for the new development of the medical facilities.

2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute such documents and Quitclaim Deeds as are necessary to accomplish this transfer.
3. That this Ordinance shall become effective upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence.

ADOPTED this day of May, 2014.

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 12, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: FY 2014 -15 Budget Ordinance – First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

The adoption of Fiscal Year 2014 -15 Budgets for the City of Florence.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

FY 2014-15 budget development began in January and continued through April with the preparation of revenue estimates, wages and benefits data development, the submission of departmental budget requests, and departmental budget meetings with the City Manager. A council work session was held on April 30, 2014 to review budget related issues.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

The General Fund, General Fund Debt Service Fund, Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund, Stormwater Enterprise Fund, Water and Sewer Utilities Construction Fund, Stormwater Utility Construction Fund, Water and Sewer Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund, Stormwater Utility Equipment Replacement Fund, and the Hospitality Fund budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, recommended for adoption by the City Council are enclosed for your review.

IV. OPTIONS

Adopt the budgets.
Modification of the budgets as presented.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

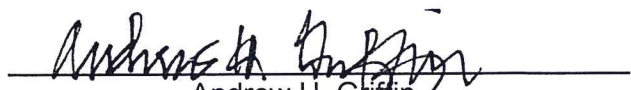
Adopt the FY 2014-15 recommended budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

The FY 2014-15 budget ordinance is attached.



Thomas W. Chandler
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2014- _____

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.

WHEREAS, § 5-7-260 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (as amended) requires that a Municipal Council shall act by ordinance to adopt budgets and levy taxes pursuant to public notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Florence in Council duly assembled and by the authority of the same:

Section 1

- (a) There is hereby adopted a General Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in a total amount of \$31,400,000.
- (b) Further, there is hereby adopted a General Fund Debt Service Fund budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, as filed in the office of the city Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in the total amount of \$421,600.
- (c) Further, there is hereby adopted a Water and Sewer Utilities Enterprise Fund budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in a total amount of \$31,665,000.
- (d) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein providing for revenues and appropriations in the total amount of \$1,340,000.
- (e) Further, there is hereby adopted a Water and Sewer Utilities Construction Fund budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in a total amount of \$5,326,000.
- (f) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Construction budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein, providing for revenues and appropriations in a total amount of \$705,000.

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- (g) Further, there is hereby adopted a Water and Sewer Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein providing for revenues and appropriations in the total amount of \$425,100.
- (h) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Equipment Replacement Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein providing for revenues and appropriations in the total amount of \$48,000.
- (i) Further, there is hereby adopted a Hospitality Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, as filed in the office of the City Clerk which is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein providing for revenues and appropriations in the total amount of \$3,435,000. Authorized as part of this ordinance and incorporated into the Hospitality Fund budget is a commitment by the City of Florence to contribute to operations and maintenance costs of the Florence County Museum for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, and for future fiscal years as defined in the Memorandum of Understanding Between Florence County and the City of Florence dated April 25, 2013.

Section 2

Subject to the provisions and requirements of § 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (as amended), a tax for general operating purposes for the period from July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, for the sums and in the amount hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the City of Florence for the operational use and service thereof. A tax of fifty three and seven-tenths (53.7) mills upon each one dollar (\$1.00) in value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the City of Florence, South Carolina, is and shall be levied and paid into the City treasury for the credit to the City of Florence for the corporate purposes, improvements, and for the purpose of paying current operating expenses of said municipality. Such a tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

Section 3

Subject to the provisions and requirements of § 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (as amended), a tax for general obligation bond indebtedness for the period from July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, for the sums and in the amount hereinafter mentioned, is and shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the City of Florence for the purpose of meeting general obligation bond debt service requirements. A tax of up to, but not exceeding, four (4.0) mills upon each one dollar (\$1.00) in value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the City of Florence, South Carolina, is and shall be levied and paid into the City treasury for the credit to the City of Florence for the purpose of providing for and paying general obligation bond debt of the

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municipality. Such a tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

Section 4

The City Manager shall administer the budget and may authorize the transfer of appropriate funds within and between departments as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget. The City Manager is authorized to assign fund balance intended to be used for specific purposes.

Section 5

The City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute all necessary documents relating to the lease purchase financing of equipment specifically authorized in the budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015. This action further constitutes a resolution of City Council authorizing and approving such equipment for lease purchase acquisition. The lease purchase agreement amendment with Ford Motor Credit Company dated August 5, 2013 for the acquisition of 4 vehicles in the Fire Department, the annual payment for which is included within line item number 10042200-580045, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 6

If for any reason, any sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

Section 7

That all ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, insofar as the same affect this Ordinance.

Section 8

That this Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne M. Rowan
Municipal Clerk

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

- a.** *A Public Hearing will be held for the purpose of receiving comments on adoption of an Ordinance titled “An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a City of Florence, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2014A, and a City of Florence, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2014B, in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,193,000; and other matters relating thereto.”*

VII. ORDINANCES IN POSITION

- a.** ***Bill No. 2014-18 – Second Reading**
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- b.** ***Bill No. 2014-19 – Second Reading**
An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a City of Florence, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2014A, and a City of Florence, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2014B, in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,193,000; and other matters relating thereto.*

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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IX. ADJOURN