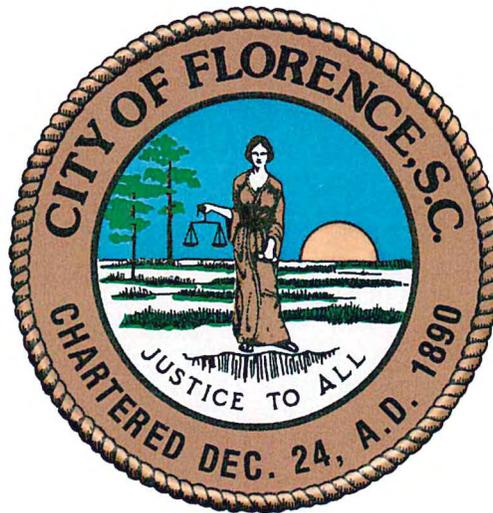


REGULAR MEETING
OF
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL



COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 W. EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

MONDAY
JUNE 9, 2014
1:00 P.M.

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CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 30, 2014 – Special Council Meeting (Budget)

May 12, 2014 – Regular Meeting

May 27, 2014 – Special Council Meeting (Budget)

June 2, 2014 – Special Council Meeting

IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Retirement Recognitions

Edward Hutchinson – October 18, 2000 – March 21, 2014

Service Recognitions

Charlie Jernigan – 40 years – Equipment Maintenance

Timothy Hunt – 15 years – Equipment Maintenance

John Rogers – 15 years – Police

Thomas Hatchell – 10 years – Beautification & Facilities

V. APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

- a. Mayor Pro tem Buddy Brand – to make a presentation regarding the Boys and Girls Club.**

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. 2014-19 – 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.
- b. **Bill No. 2014-20 – Second 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, 2014.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- a. **Bill No. 2014-21 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to annex property owned by Clifford and Debra Douglas, Tax Map Number 90060-09-002, and zone same property R-4, Multi-Family Residential.
- b. **Bill No. 2014-22 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to annex property owned by Bryant Moses, Tax Map Number 00175-01-006, and zone same property R-3, Single-Family Residential.
- c. **Bill No. 2014-23 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to annex property owned by Theresa Williams, Tax Map Number 90096-02-006, and zone same property R-3, Single-Family Residential.
- d. **Bill No. 2014-24 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to annex property owned by Alan and Judith Feimster, Tax Map Number 00984-01-023, and Leslie Rutten, Tax Map Number 00984-01-019, and zone same property R-1, Single-Family Residential.

- e. Bill No. 2014-25 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to annex property owned by Herman James and Shirley Walker, Tax Map Number 00101-01-203, and zone same property R-3, Single-Family Residential.
- f. Bill No. 2014-26 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to annex property owned by James and Fannie D. Timmons, Tax Map Number 90044-04-018, and Stacy McLeod, TMN 90044-04-003, and zone same property R-3, Single-Family Residential.
- g. Bill No. 2014-27 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to annex property owned by NewSpring Church, Inc., Tax Map Number 00122-01-338, and zone same property B-3, General Commercial District.

IX. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2014-10**
A Resolution naming the breezeway on West Evans Street designated as Tax Parcel 90168-02-021, the Roy Adams Breezeway.

X. ADJOURN

**SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014 - 3:00 P.M.
DR. EDDIE FLOYD FLORENCE TENNIS CENTER
1300 JENNIE O'BRYAN AVENUE
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Wukela called the special meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro tem Buddy Brand, Councilwoman Octavia Williams-Blake, Councilwoman Teresa Ervin, Councilman Ed Robinson, Councilman Glynn Willis and Councilman Robby Hill.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager; Mrs. Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Mr. Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities; Chief Allen Heidler, City of Florence Police Department; Mr. Scotty Davis, Director of General Services; Chief Randy Osterman, Florence Fire Department; Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; and Mr. Ray Reich, Downtown Development Manager.

Notices of this special meeting were sent to the media informing them of the date, time and location of the meeting.

MEDIA PRESENT: Mr. Gavin Jackson from the Morning News was present for the meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Teresa Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

BUDGET WORKSESSION

Mr. Griffin stated that this will be a general budget worksession and the budget that will be presented to Council is a balanced budget. First reading of the budget will occur at a later worksession and second reading will be at the June 9, 2014 regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Each department director will make a presentation at today's meeting on one issue that their department is currently involved with.

CHIEF RANDY OSTERMAN – FLORENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT

FLORENCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT UNIFICATION

There are currently 12 fire districts within Florence County: City of Florence, Lake City, Timmons ville, South Lynches, Johnsonville, West Florence, Windy Hill, Howe Springs, Sardis Timmons ville, Hannah-Salem Friendfield, Pamplico and Olanta. The plan of the Florence County Fire District Unification is to reduce that to the City of Florence, Lake City, Timmons ville, South Lynches and

the Unified Florence County Fire District (operating as individual contract departments, funded as a single fire district). The County is looking at unifying their fire districts for several reasons including being able to provide adequate funding, with respect to equipment, personnel, stations and operations. They are also looking at consistent operating procedures. It also allows for “borderless responses”; which means that regardless of jurisdiction, the nearest fire station would respond to an incident. Currently the citizens of Florence enjoy an ISO Class II Fire Department. The City of Florence has five fire stations that are strategically placed for a 5 minute response goal and are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. There are five engines (pumpers) and one ladder truck that are staffed with a minimum of 3 firefighters who are all trained to a Firefighter II level with medical first responder certification. Presently, the City is able to respond within 90 seconds of dispatch with a minimum response to a structure fire of three engines, 1 ladder truck and a Battalion Chief.

Currently the City provides and receives assistance through mutual/automatic aid agreements. If all things are equal, borderless response could be a valid and beneficial concept for the City of Florence. Concerns with borderless response include: Maintaining adequate resources within the City at all times; Maintaining the current level of service with the city (ensure equivalent responses when utilizing other departments, i.e. response times, equipment and trained personnel); and the City’s ISO Class II rating must be maintained.

PHILLIP LOOKADOO AND SCOTTY DAVIS – NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY

The consulting company, APD has been hired to conduct a revitalization study to help the City with the revitalization strategy. The initiatives underway are: An existing conditions report which includes data transfer (APD has been given them all of the City’s plans, demographic data, and economic data); a windshield survey (the CAT team officers using the City’s GPS machines, will evaluate each property in the target areas and rating it on condition, if there is curb and gutter, sidewalks and taking a photograph of the property. This enables staff to review the property from the street level and evaluate it so staff can move forward. There will also be a housing market analysis and land banking.

Current revitalization efforts include: neighborhood liaisons, community gardens and community art. The neighborhood liaisons are city staff that have been identified and will meet with the neighborhoods on a consistent basis. They will help build a commitment between the City and the neighborhood organizations. Community gardens are located throughout the city, usually at parks and are available to the public, community center and groups. Health education is also a component of this; it will teach the neighbors how to cook the vegetables in a more nutritious way. Community gardens will bring the neighbors together and will set a platform to discuss the wants and needs of the community. The Community Art project will beautify areas in the neighborhoods. Hopefully it will create a sense of pride, a sense of community and a sense of place and will get the children and parents involved.

Another component of neighborhood revitalization is the codes enforcement efforts, with respect to nuisances, and the Livability Court. Last November, the Codes Enforcement Department became a

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part of the Police Department. Part of their duty is to identify blight but also to work closely with the Livability Court to alleviate the problems. Four codes enforcement officers are assigned to geographical areas so they can focus on those problems in those specific geographic areas and be the liaison between the community and the City. As a result of this effort, 139 of the 437 cases made in 2014, have been resolved out of court. 216 cases were made in 2013 with 28 being resolved out of court.

Neighborhood Road Improvements consists of Capital Sales Tax Projects and Safe Routes to School. Safe routes to school is a grant through SCDOT and will be located on Roughfork Street. The grant will be used to add sidewalks. Some of these issues will be handled through the capital sales tax projects. The one cent sales tax projects will include road widening projects, corridor enhancements, improved intersections and resurfacing.

The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is the rewriting of the Zoning Code and incorporating it in with the other development ordinances within the city. It incorporates the requirements of the Phase II NPDES Permit Compliance. The UDO will be flexible in that it will allow flexibility of design, uses and will protect residential property.

Housing is also a part of the neighborhood revitalization project. \$20,000 a year is used for emergency rehabilitation for 5-8 units primarily through CDBG funds, although there are significant non-profit civic organizations who have worked with the City on these rehabilitations. There are a number of churches, civic organizations, Christmas In April and other programs that do 20-40 units every year with the city. The City of Florence has received \$2.3 million over two grant funding years for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). This money was given to the states from the federal government to prevent foreclosures that were pulling neighborhoods down. 17 homes were purchased. 7 of the homes were rehabilitated and are being resold. Throughout the City there are 10 rental units that were purchased, rehabilitated and are being rented out. The rent ranges from \$425 - \$900 per month. The sales prices for the houses range from \$105,000 to \$175,000. 28 demolitions have been completed with CDBG funds and General Fund monies.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Six Sigma and Genesis management training has been offered recently at the City. The Six Sigma training looks at trying to prevent waste and make the best possible decisions. This training has helped particularly in the Utility Finance areas. The Genesis training has occurred with the middle management level as relates to discussions with the employees, communicating with the employees effectively, dealing with employees, how to motivate, inspire and encourage the employees.

The retirement rates will be increasing this fiscal year. On the regular employee side the rate will increase from 7.50% to 8.00% for employees and from 10.60% to 10.90% for the employer. On the police retirement the rate will increase for employees from 7.84% to 8.41% and from 12.84% to 13.41% for the employer.

It is estimated there will be a 10% increase in the insurance rates in January 2015. The increase will depend on the different options.

For FY 13-14 there are 506 fulltime City of Florence employees and 149 part time employees. For fiscal year 14-15 is estimated there will be 508 fulltime City employees and 153 part time employees.

CHUCK POPE – DISCUSSION OF GYMNASIUM AND CAPITAL SALES TAX PROJECTS

This is a list of Capital Sales Tax II Projects that will be outside of the neighborhoods that the City will be responsible for.

	<u>Project Description</u>	
National Cemetery Road	Corridor Improvement	Dargan Street to McCall Blvd.
Park Avenue	Corridor Improvement	Juanita Drive
E. Evans Street	Corridor Improvement	N. Ravenel St. to Railroad Ave.
Irby Street	Corridor Improvement	W. Cheves St. to Ashby Rd.
Damon Street and Ansley St.	Intersection Improvement	
E. Palmetto St. and S. Church St.	Intersection Improvement	
Malloy Street	Resurfacing	James St. to Wilson Rd.
Spruce Street	Resurfacing	Park Ave. to McQueen St.
S. Cashua Drive	Road Widening	Palmetto St. to 2 nd Loop
Woody Jones Blvd.	Road Widening	Radio Dr. to David McLeod Blvd.

The gymnasium is a project that has been long looked forward to. The Youth Basketball Program has been moved around from different gyms for a number of years. Youth Basketball is for boys and girls ages 5-17 and has 70 teams with 678 participants. Currently the facilities at Barnes Activity Center, Williams Middle School and Rush Academy are being used for this program.

The Adult Basketball League is for adults ages 18 and over. There are 170 participants and they use the Williams Middle School gym.

The Traveling Basketball Program has grown over the years and is in need of a place to hold weekend tournaments. This League has 7+ groups with approximately 15 teams and 200+ participants. They use facilities as they are available.

Staff is looking forward to the opportunity to design a gym, use it for the basketball programs and also use it for other things. Staff feels the gym can be used year round for boys and girls, seventh to twelfth grade. Programs would consist of a mixture of arts and culture, health and wellness, outdoor education, entrepreneurial skills, service learning and self-expression. A future seasonal program with a new gymnasium could include a youth and/or adult volleyball leagues, badminton, and shuffleboard.

The total capital budget is \$4,500,000. \$500,000 would be used for the property purchase, the design and engineering to include gymnasium/parking, demolition, preparation of construction documents and construction administration. The \$4,000,000 will be used for the construction site and gymnasium facility. Also included will be equipment and amenities associated with operation and maintenance of gym (bleachers, sound system, scoreboards, and cleaning equipment).

9 proposals were submitted for consideration of an architectural firm for design. A panel of 6 staff members narrowed those proposals down to 2. Both firms are local and were brought in for interviews. A recommendation will be made to the City Manager in the next week or two. The selected architectural firm will: Meet with staff and various stakeholder groups to learn needs and goals; build enthusiasm and consensus among stakeholders; evaluate site; perform design process recognizing schedule and budget keeping City staff informed of the process during weekly briefings, develop construction documents for public bid; and monitor project during construction process.

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RAY REICH – DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

Public investment in downtown is paying big dividends in leveraging private dollars. Recent cultural investments in downtown include the FMU Performing Arts Center, the Drs. Bruce and Lee Library, the Florence Little Theatre, and the Florence Museum. City initiatives include new streetscapes that are in progress, plans are underway for parking garages, the North Dargan Innovation Center Business Incubator, and courtyards for concerts. Private sector investments include Hotel Florence and Victors, \$3 million dollar Royal Knight building renovation, \$10 million dollar renovation project for the Kress/Kuker and Guaranty Bank buildings and \$4 million dollar Waters building renovation.

Future downtown projects include FMU/USC Health Science Facility, HopeHealth Facility, housing projects, more restaurants, niche retail and public art.

This is a list of the TIF projects and the amount of each project. The commitment is presently \$12,175,000.

<u>TIF Projects</u>		
<u>Construction Projects</u>	<u>Amount of Expenditure</u>	
1. Parking Decks		
200 spaces @ \$12,000 per	\$	2,400,000
300 spaces @ \$17,000 per		5,100,000
2. Parking, Ingress/Egress Streetscapes, public area surrounding FMU Facility		750,000
3. Demolition cost to be paid in consideration to acquire Cheves St. Lot for parking		175,000
4. Streetscapes		1,000,000
5. Amenities (water feature, splash pad, etc.)		750,000
6. Reimbursement to Utility for Downtown Improvements incurred		1,000,000
7. Parking (BTS surface 200 parking)		1,000,000
<u>TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES</u>		\$ 12,175,000

There is only one part of the Capital Sales Tax Projects that will be located in downtown and that is the Dargan Street Paving and Streetscape. It will be \$2.5 million of the \$20 million that will be coming from the County.

H1 CAPITAL SALES TAX PROJECTS

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Dargan Street Paving & Streetscape (Dargan from Lucas to Cherokee)	\$	2,500,000
▶ Improve access from residential areas to the downtown commercial district utilizing urban design standards demonstrated in Downtown Design Guidelines		
▶ Incorporate streetscape elements as per Master Plan		
▶ Create a left turn lane at intersection of Dargan & Darlington		
▶ Create pedestrian crosswalk at Lucas and Dargan		

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Part of the funding for the Florence Downtown Development Corporation comes from the Hospitality Tax. At present, the FDDC is doing 61 events per year. This is a complete list of the events held in downtown. The total cost for 61 events is \$202,000. The FDDC generates \$172,000 in sponsorships and other revenues through the sales of drinks, food and etc. Total taken from the Hospitality Tax Fund is only \$30,000 to actually fund 61 events.

Hospitality Tax Funding

Downtown Promotions

- ▶ Lucky Shamrock
- ▶ First Friday – 8 per year
- ▶ Third Thursday – 8 per year
- ▶ Farmers Market – 30 per year
- ▶ Spring Break Kickoff
- ▶ Florence After Five – 7 per year
- ▶ Bone-e-Fit
- ▶ Sand In My Shoes Shag Festival
- ▶ Mac Madness
- ▶ Wine Festival
- ▶ Oktoberfest
- ▶ Pecan Festival

Total for 61 events	\$ 202,000
Less sponsorship & revenues	\$ (172,000)
Total needed from Hospitality Tax	\$ 30,000

The other project that will come out of the Hospitality Tax Fund in the downtown area is the Gymnasium.

Capital Projects

Gymnasium	\$ 4,000,000
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A big part of FDDC’s funding comes from the City. This is a list of the categories and expenditures. Property and Program Expenses is the largest category which includes property taxes, insurance, operations, and occupancy costs.

<u>FDDC</u>		
<u>FDDC Organizational/Administrative</u>		
Property and Program Expenses	\$	49,000
Printing		500
Accounting (Audit)		8,000
Legal		2,500
D & O Insurance		2,500
Dues		250
Travel and Conference		4,000
Meals for Meetings, etc.		3,000
Office Supplies		1,200
Misc. & Contingency		3,000
Contingency		2,500
<u>TOTAL FDDC</u>		<u>\$ 76,450</u>

The commitment to downtown is working. It has created jobs, grown the tax base, helped in recruiting physicians and other healthcare professionals, helped local industry recruit workers, helped recruit new industry, helped create a better quality of life for existing Florentines, and it will help retain the City’s best and brightest citizens.

DREW GRIFFIN – BUDGET WORKSESSION

Every year the budget starts with revenue projections and expenditure requests and there is always a difference between the two. This year there is a difference of \$1,892,000.

<u>Balancing the FY 2014-15 General Fund Budget</u>	
Original Revenue	Original Expenditure
Projections:	Requests:
\$30,767,000	\$32,659,000
6.15%	
Difference:	
\$1,892,000	

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This is a list of actions that were taken to balance the FY 2014-15 General Fund Budget. Mr. Griffin met with the department directors and reduced the operational budgets for each department; the same approach was taken with capital funding requests; staff is anticipating that there will be extra funds at the end of the year and will try to purchase some of the capital items early; revenue projections were modified; the hiring timeline was extended to a 12-14 week waiting period before filling a position; and the 2% cost of living increase will be implemented in January, 2015.

Actions Taken to Balance FY 2014-15 General Fund Budget

- ▶ Operational Funding Request Adjustments
- ▶ Capital Funding Request Eliminations
- ▶ Possible End of Year Capital Purchases
- ▶ Modified Revenue Projections
- ▶ Extended Hiring Timeline
- ▶ 2% Cost of Living for Half Year

GENERAL FUND

This is a look at where the money comes from for the budget. Almost 70% of the budget comes from Property Taxes and Licenses & Fees.

<u>General Fund</u>			
<u>Revenues by Category</u>			
Category		FY 2014	% of Total
Property Taxes	\$	9,219,600	31.28%
Licenses & Fees		11,051,000	37.50%
Governmental Reimbursements		1,963,600	6.66%
Charges for Service		1,901,800	6.45%
Fines & Forfeitures		700,000	2.38%
Miscellaneous & Other Revenues		376,000	1.28%
Interfund Transfers		<u>4,258,000</u>	<u>14.45%</u>
TOTAL	\$	29,470,000	100.00%

Property taxes and the local option sales taxes are the two largest in this category. This is a list of the components that make up the property tax category.

<u>Property Tax Category</u>		
Source		2014 Budget
Property Taxes	\$	2,800,000
Homestead Exemption		265,000
Merchants Inventory Exemption		299,600
Penalties on Current Taxes		8,000
Local Option Sales Tax		5,600,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		112,000
Delinquent Taxes		135,000
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	\$	9,219,600

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This chart shows a comparison of the last five years of the Property Tax and the Local Option Sales Tax Collections. Over the last five years as compared to the previous five years, there is fairly low growth.

<u>General Fund</u>						
<u>Property Tax/LOST Collection</u>						
<u>Five Year Comparisons</u>						
Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	
2010	\$ 8,019,589	1.61%	2005	\$ 6,747,732	1.98%	
2011	8,065,708	0.58%	2006	7,153,492	6.01%	
2012	8,114,920	0.61%	2007	7,294,809	1.98%	
2013	8,095,250	-0.24%	2008	7,504,945	2.88%	
2014*	8,300,000	2.53%	2009	7,892,204	5.16%	
Average Change		1.02%	Average Change		3.60%	

*Projected Collection

Business Licenses and fees are a large and important revenue source for the City. This category generated \$11,051,000 (37.50%) in revenues. This chart shows the categories and amounts that make up the business license revenue (current business license, insurance license, telecommunications license and delinquent business license).

<u>Licenses & Fees Category</u>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>
Current Business License	\$ 4,235,000
Insurance License	3,015,000
Telecommunications License	280,000
Delinquent Business License	221,000
Franchise Fees	3,300,000
TOTAL LICENSES & FEES	\$ 11,051,000

This information reveals there was relatively modest growth in the business license fees. Staff would like to see growth at 3 to 5% to give the assurances that you need to project and allocate the revenue.

<u>General Fund</u>						
<u>Business License Collection</u>						
<u>Five Year Comparisons</u>						
Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	
2010	\$ \$6,984,258	3.23%	2005	\$ \$6,310,794	11.65%	
2011	6,868,384	-1.66%	2006	6,419,049	1.72%	
2012	6,966,831	1.43%	2007	6,714,458	4.60%	
2013	7,394,577	6.14%	2008	7,287,957	8.54%	
2014*	7,496,000	1.37%	2009	6,766,010	-7.16%	
Average Change		2.10%	Average Change		3.87%	

*Projected Collection

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Franchise Fees contributed \$3,300,000 to the licenses and fees portion of the budget.

<u>Licenses & Fees Category</u>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>
Current Business License	\$ 4,235,000
Insurance License	3,015,000
Telecommunications License	280,000
Delinquent Business License	221,000
Franchise Fees	3,300,000
 TOTAL LICENSES & FEES	 \$ 11,051,000

<u>General Fund</u>					
<u>Franchise Fees Collection</u>					
<u>Five Year Comparisons</u>					
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2010	\$ 3,496,188	-1.98%	2005	\$ 1,628,666	-9.88%
2011	3,479,557	-0.48%	2006	1,708,776	4.92%
2012	3,351,868	-3.67%	2007	1,852,498	8.41%
2013	3,205,152 ¹	-4.38%	2008	2,924,809 ²	57.88%
2014*	3,350,000	4.52%	2009	3,566,878 ²	21.95%
Average Change		-1.20%	Average Change		1.15%

¹Collections for 2013 reflect a Duke Energy rate reduction combined with a milder year for weather.

²Because Franchise Fees increased from 3% to 5%, the 2008 and 2009 % change was not calculated in average changes.

Note: Change from highest collection year to current year projection = (\$216,878)

Another important source of revenues for the City is the Interfund Transfers. This is the transfer from the water and sewer utilities and stormwater utilities. These payments are similar to franchise fee payment and are made to the City and the amount for FY 2014 is \$4,258,000.

The Local Government Fund has actually gone up over prior years. The amount for FY 2014 is \$658,000.

<u>Government Reimbursements Category</u>	
<u>Source</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>
State A Tax – 5% Funds	\$ 50,000
Local Government Fund	685,000
SRO Program	371,000
CCC Security	302,000
Marketing and Promotions	110,000
Miscellaneous Grants	440,600
Police Grants	5,000
 TOTAL GOVERNMENT REIMBURSEMENTS	 \$ 1,963,600

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**General Fund
Local Government Fund Collection
Five Year Comparisons**

Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change
2010	\$ 790,254	-16.14%	2005	\$ 806,944	1.95%
2011	711,684	-9.94%	2006	829,065	2.74%
2012	677,583	-4.79%	2007	893,660	7.79%
2013	799,492	17.99%	2008	987,666	10.52%
2014*	799,492	0.00%	2009	942,306	-4.59%
Average Change		-2.58%	Average Change		3.68%

These categories reflect what the city charges for the use of facilities. Freedom Florence Gate Fees are what the participants and spectators pay to come see the weekend tournaments. The Landfill and Sanitations fees are charges associated with collecting trash and transporting it to the Waste Management Disposal Center. The City has not increased that fee in five years.

**Charges for Service Category
Source**

Source	2014 Budget
Landfill Fees	\$ 1,340,000
Sanitation Collection Fees	320,000
Planning & Zoning Fees	29,000
Gymnastic Program Fees	80,000
Batting Cage User Fees	2,800
Freedom Florence Gate Fees	130,000
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICE	\$ 1,901,800

**General Fund
Landfill & Sanitation Fee Collection
Five Year Comparisons**

Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change
2010	\$ 1,606,692	2.94%	2005	\$ 1,283,593	2.61%
2011	1,636,529	1.86%	2006	1,417,666	10.45%
2012	1,646,497	0.61%	2007	1,486,878	4.88%
2013	1,666,248	1.20%	2008	1,537,192	3.38%
2014*	1,675,000	0.53%	2009	1,560,818	1.54%
Average Change		1.43%	Average Change		4.57%

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Criminal and traffic fines are fairly consistent but do fluctuate from year to year.

<u>Fines & Forfeitures Category</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>
Criminal Fines		\$ 167,000
Traffic Fines		510,000
Parking Violation Fines		13,000
Animal Control Fines		5,000
Livability Court Fines		5,000
TOTAL FINES & FORFEITURES		\$ 700,000

<u>General Fund</u>					
<u>Criminal Fines Collection</u>					
<u>Five Year Comparisons</u>					
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2010	\$ 169,298	0.71%	2005	\$ 124,767	-26.42%
2011	156,474	-7.57%	2006	135,053	8.24%
2012	166,124	6.17%	2007	152,323	12.79%
2013	154,422	-8.25%	2008	162,956	6.98%
2014*	153,000	.38%	2009	168,103	3.16%
Average Change		-1.71%	Average Change		0.95%

*Projected Collection

Note: Change from highest collection year to current year projection = (\$16,298)

<u>General Fund</u>					
<u>Traffic Fines Collection</u>					
<u>Five Year Comparisons</u>					
<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2010	\$ 602,192	11.40%	2005	\$ 448,091	2.52%
2011	509,315	-15.42%	2006	536,217	19.67%
2012	510,174	0.17%	2007	662,315	23.52%
2013	477,353	-6.43%	2008	650,648	-1.76%
2014*	510,000	6.84%	2009	540,557	-16.92%
Average Change		-0.69%	Average Change		5.40%

*Projected Collection

Note: Change from highest collection year to current year projection = (\$152,315)

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This chart shows other revenue sources.

<u>Other Revenue Category</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>2014 Budget</u>
Interest		\$ 21,000
Sponsorships		45,000
Concessions Revenue		70,000
Pro Shop Revenue		25,000
Pet Adoptions		50,000
Other Animal Shelter Revenue		75,000
Miscellaneous Revenue		<u>90,000</u>
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE		\$ 376,000

The Interfund Transfers for FY 2014 are \$4,258,000

<u>General Fund</u>			
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
<u>Category</u>		<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Property Taxes	\$	9,219,600	31.28%
Licenses & Fees		11,051,000	37.50%
Governmental Reimbursements		1,963,600	6.66%
Charges for Service		1,901,800	6.45%
Fines & Forfeitures		700,000	2.38%
Other Revenues		376,000	1.28%
Interfund Transfers		<u>4,258,000</u>	<u>14.45%</u>
TOTAL		\$ 29,470,000	100.00%

This lists the source of funds for the Interfund Transfers to the General Fund. These funds help offset certain activities that the General Fund does. The \$890,000 is the maximum amount allowed that can be extracted from the Hospitality Fund and it is expended for approved uses as prescribed by state law.

<u>Interfund Transfers Category</u>		
<u>Source</u>		<u>2014 Budget</u>
From Water & Sewer Fund	\$	2,908,000
From Stormwater Fund		175,000
From Hospitality Fund		890,000
From Victim Services Fund		100,000
From Rollcart/Equip. Repl. Fund		185,000
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 4,258,000

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**General Fund
Interfund Transfers
Five Year Comparisons**

Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change
2010	\$ 2,824,000	16.84%	2005	\$ 1,794,000	-0.19%
2011	2,864,000	1.42%	2006	1,792,000	-0.11%
2012	3,362,000	17.39%	2007	1,777,000	-0.84%
2013	3,928,100	16.84%	2008	2,295,000	29.15%
2014*	4,258,000	8.40%	2009	2,417,000	5.32%
Average Change		12.18%	Average Change		6.67%

CDBG FUND

There is a significant increase from last year's funding to this year's funding amount for the CDBG Grant.

**Community Development Block Grant
Five Year Comparisons**

Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change
2010	\$ 337,525	1.11%	2005	\$ 407,000	-3.33%
2011	364,792	8.08%	2006	385,457	-5.29%
2012	305,076	-16.37%	2007	347,365	-9.88%
2013	224,853	-26.30%	2008	346,785	-0.17%
2014	266,626	18.58%	2009	333,809	-3.74%
Average Change		-2.98%	Average Change		-4.48%

Note: Change from the highest collection year to 2014 collection = (\$140,374)

Anticipated allocation for 2015 is \$282,460, an increase of 5.94% from 2014

HOSPITALITY FUNDS – Revenue Trends

The Hospitality Fund has been a very good revenue source for projects in the City of Florence. It has enabled the city to do the projects in the downtown and offsets costs associated with the Civic Center as well as certain lawfully operational costs. There is good growth in the Hospitality Fee Fund.

**Hospitality Fees Collection
Five Year Comparisons**

Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change
2010	\$ 2,841,585	1.46%	2005	\$ 2,283,203	1.72%
2011	2,926,340	2.98%	2006	2,371,249	3.86%
2012	3,092,529	5.68%	2007	2,661,073	12.22%
2013	3,214,470	3.94%	2008	2,799,149	5.19%
2014*	3,300,000	2.66%	2009	2,800,739	0.06%
Average Change		3.34%	Average Change		4.61%

*Projected Collection

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ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUND – Revenue Trends

The Accommodations Tax Fund shows the power of tourism in the City of Florence. Even during the worst times of the recession the accommodations tax fund increased every year within Florence County.

<u>Accommodations Tax Collection</u>						
<u>Five Year Comparisons</u>						
Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change	
2010	\$ 413,542	20.48%	2005	\$ 225,764	3.78%	
2011	460,921	11.46%	2006	257,077	13.87%	
2012	546,190	18.50%	2007	325,551	26.64%	
2013	562,320	2.95%	2008	333,999	2.59%	
2014*	576,300	2.49%	2009	343,238	2.77%	
Average Change		11.18%	Average Change		9.93%	

*Projected Collection

This chart shows five year comparisons of the average change by source for the budget.

<u>Five Year Comparisons</u>		
<u>Average Change By Source</u>		
Source	FY 2010-14	FY 2005-09
Property Tax/Local Option Sales Tax	1.02%	3.60%
Business Licenses	2.25%	3.87%
Franchise Fees	-1.20%	1.15%
Local Government Fund	-2.58%	3.68%
Landfill and Sanitation Fees	1.43%	4.57%
Criminal Fines	-1.71%	0.95%
Traffic Fines	-0.69%	5.40%
Interfund Transfers	12.18%	6.67%

In conclusion, Mr. Griffin stated that the budget is balanced. A public hearing will be held at the May 12, 2014 City Council meeting that will allow individuals to make requests for funding that are not a part of this budget.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2015.

Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 – 1:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Wukela called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro tem Buddy Brand; Councilwoman Teresa M. Ervin; Councilman Glynn F. Willis; Councilman Ed Robinson; and Councilwoman Octavia Williams-Blake.

ABSENT: Councilman Robby Hill

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager; Mrs. Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Mr. Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance; Mr. Scotty Davis, Director of Community Services; Chief Randy Osterman, Florence Fire Department; Mr. Ray Reich, Downtown Development Manager; Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities; and Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department.

Notices of this regularly scheduled meeting were sent to the media informing them of the date, time and location of the meeting.

Mr. Gavin Jackson of the Morning News was present for the meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2014 Regular Meeting. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Retirement Recognition

Mayor Wukela presented a Retirement Plaque to Mr. Alfred Wells, who retired after serving 12 years with the City of Florence.

Service Recognitions

Mayor Wukela presented a Certificate of Recognition to the following employees:

Marvin Scott – 25 years – Surface Water Production
Joe Vanadia – 25 years – Fire Department
Sandra Hanner – 10 years – Utility Finance
Mark Happ – 10 years – Police Department
Kimberly Mitchell – 10 years – Recreation Program

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

Ms. Allie Walker – To make a presentation regarding “Help 4 Kids Florence”

Ms. Walker and Mr. Clark Reifsnider appeared before Council to talk about the program “Help 4 Kids Florence”. Help 4 Kids Florence is a local, voluntary non-profit 5013c organization whose mission this year is to provide a bag of food to elementary children of Florence School District 1 who are at risk of being hungry on the weekends. Currently the program is serving 520 children each week from the 14 elementary schools and the Beck Center. Each school determines which children receive the bag of food based on personal observation and knowledge of the home situation of the children.

Revenue sources come from local and state grants from businesses and foundations; other business donations; service clubs; churches; and individuals. There are also in-kind donations of food and supplies.

Florence County School District 4 (Timmonsville) will be added in school year 2014-15; District 2 (Pamplico) will be added in the 2015-16 school year; and District 3 (Lake City) and District 5 (Johnsonville) will be added in school year 2016-2017. The number of children will double to 1157 (estimated) by school year 2016-2017. Food costs will increase from \$38,750 (present cost) to \$131,898 (school year 2016-2017).

Mr. Andrew Kampiziones – To make a presentation regarding Sister Cities

Mr. Kampiziones spoke to Council about the similarities between Florence, South Carolina and Lamia, Greece; the city where Mr. Kampiziones was born and raised. Mr. Kampiziones stated that Lamia, in due time, aspires to become the Sister City of Florence, South Carolina.

Mr. Kampiziones presented Mayor Wukela with a letter from the Mayor of Lamia, Greece.

Mrs. Pat Gibson Hye-Moore – To make a presentation regarding Handicap Friendly Florence wheelchair charging stations.

Mrs. Moore proposed that Florence become a more handicapped friendly city by placing wheelchair charging stations in city facilities and all city parks.

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO RECEIVE COMMENTS ON THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.

Mayor Wukela declared the public hearing open at 1:33 p.m.

Mr. Chuck MacNeil, Executive Director of PDRTA, appeared before Council and requested funding for FY 2015 in the amount of \$159,598.

Mr. Tony Hughes spoke about a new program in Florence, Camp Ranger. Camp Ranger is a wilderness survival training camp for the area’s 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Mr. Hughes is also partnering with DJJ to work with the students who have been expelled from school. Mr. Hughes’ plans are to open another charter school, in the same location as the former CHOICES Charter School. Mr. Hughes has made a request to the City for funding for this program.

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Mrs. Catherine Pendergrass spoke to Council about the needs of the area shelters. Mrs. Pendergrass made a request for funding from the City to buy supplies for the shelters.

Mr. Brian New of the YMCA spoke to Council about a camp that is held every summer to teach children how to swim. The Splash Program is targeted for low income children who have never had the opportunity for formal swim lessons. In 2013, 120 children were served through the Splash Program.

Mayor Wukela declared the public hearing closed at 2:00 p.m.

Councilwoman Octavia Williams-Blake left the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO RECEIVE INPUT ON THE CITY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.

Mr. Scotty Davis, Director of General Services reported that the CDBG funds are restricted funds and can only be used to meet three national objectives: 1) aid in the elimination of slum and blight; 2) benefit low to moderate income persons; and 3) meeting a need having a particular urgency. Five meetings have been held throughout the community and staff has received input from these meetings. Community requests include funding for: Additional lights in the neighborhoods; Drainage issues; Abandoned houses; Dr. Iola Jones Park (a community center, shed, picnic tables); and Vacant lots. This year the City will receive \$282,460 which is an increase of about \$15-18,000 over last year's funding.

The recommended budget for 2014-2015 is as follows:

Planning and Admin	\$	56,490
Recreation Improvements – Section 108		100,000
Emergency Rehabilitation		83,970
Pee Dee Transitional Shelter		22,000
Salvation Army		5,000
Manna House		5,000
Whosoever Community Church		5,000
ECHO (Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization)		5,000
TOTAL	\$	282,460

Mayor Wukela declared the CDBG public hearing open at 2:06 p.m.

There was no one present to speak regarding the CDBG budget.

Mayor Wukela declared the public hearing closed at 2:07 p.m.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

BILL NO. 2014-07 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE BONDS, AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BONDS ISSUED HEREUNDER; PLEDGING LOCAL HOSPITALITY FEES TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF, PREMIUM, IF ANY, AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; AND MAKING OTHER COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING.

An Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of the City of Florence, South Carolina, Hospitality Fee Revenue Bonds, and other matters pertaining thereto; prescribing the form of bonds issued hereunder; pledging local hospitality fees to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds; and making other covenants and agreements in connection with the foregoing was adopted on second reading.

Mr. Charlton deSaussure gave a summary of previous action by Council on Bill Nos. 2014-07, 2014-08 and 2014-09. First reading was given to these three ordinances during the April 21, 2014 City Council meeting. One of the ordinances relates to the TIF and the other two relate to the Hospitality Tax Revenue Bond.

Mr. deSaussure reported that the interest rate for the Tax Increment Financing Bond will be 3.04% and for the Hospitality Tax Revenue Bond the interest rate will be 3.42%. The ordinances related to these two bonds are on the agenda today for second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-07 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion.

Councilman Robinson expressed his concerns that the lower income areas are being left out and are not receiving the help they need. Councilman Robinson feels these areas need help in the form of education.

The motion passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-08 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2014, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$5,250,000; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a City of Florence, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2014, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$5,250,000; and other matters relating thereto was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Wukela stated that the structure of the borrowing was created by previous action of Council to adopt Bill No. 2014-07. This bill accomplishes the borrowing itself.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-08 on second reading. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion.

Voting aye to adopt Bill No. 2014-08 were Mayor Wukela, Mayor Pro tem Brand, Councilwoman Ervin and Councilman Willis.

Voting no was Councilman Robinson.

BILL NO. 2014-09 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$14,000,000 TAX INCREMENT REVENUE BOND (FLORENCE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA), SERIES 2014, OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$14,000,000 Tax Increment Revenue Bond (Florence Downtown Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2014, of the City of Florence, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-09 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-10 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED OCTOBER 14, 2013, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BOND OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,100,000 IN ORDER TO REFUND ALL WATERWORKS AND SEWER REVENUE BONDS OF THE TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE HELD BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THEREBY ACQUIRE THE WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF TIMMONSVILLE, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

An Ordinance amending an Ordinance adopted October 14, 2013, providing for the issuance and sale of a Waterworks and Sewerage System Junior Lien Revenue Bond of the City of Florence in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$6,100,000 in order to refund all Waterworks and Sewer Revenue Bonds of the Town of Timmons ville held by the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and thereby acquire the Waterworks and Sewer System of the Town of Timmons ville, and other matters relating thereto was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Wukela stated that this Ordinance relates to the assumption of the Timmons ville debt. This has already been passed by Council however; USDA wanted a minor change in the Ordinance which actually affected a savings of \$3 per month.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-10 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-11 - SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING LOAN AGREEMENTS RELATING TO CITY OF FLORENCE WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE DEBT IDENTIFIED AS SOUTH CAROLINA DRINKING WATER REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN NUMBERS 3-003-99-2110001-02; 3-008-00-2110001-01 AND 3-014-02-2110001-04 AND SOUTH CAROLINA WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND LOAN NUMBERS S1-121-09-378-19, X2-153-13-278-20 AND XI-157-13-378-21; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE DEBT SERVICE RESERVE FUND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS THEREIN; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

An Ordinance approving amendments to existing loan agreements relating to City of Florence Water and Sewerage System Revenue Debt identified as South Carolina Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund loan numbers 3-003-99-2110001-02; 3-008-00-2110001-01 and 3-014-02-2110001-04 and South Carolina Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund loan numbers S1-121-09-378-19, X2-153-13-278-20 and X1-157-13-378-21; to provide for certain changes to the Debt Service Reserve Fund funding requirements therein; and other matters relating thereto was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-11 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-12 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 14-13.1 AND 15-34 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND WINE IN CERTAIN LIMITED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS, PARKING LOTS, COURTYARDS, LAWNS, AND PLAZAS UPON ISSUANCE OF EVENT PERMITS AND TO ESTABLISH THE AREAS AND THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR SUCH EVENTS.

An Ordinance to amend Sections 14-13.1 and 15-34 of the City Code to provide for the possession and consumption of beer and wine in certain limited public right-of-ways, parking lots, courtyards, lawns, and plazas upon issuance of event permits and to establish the areas and the permitting process for such events was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-12 on second reading. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-13 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY GERALD PLAYER, TAX MAP NUMBER 90096-05-006, AND ZONE SAME PROPERTY R-2, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Gerald Player, Tax Map Number 90096-05-006, and zone same property R-2, Single Family Residential District was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-13 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-14 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY STANLEY AND DIANE BARNES, TAX MAP NUMBER 00984-01-008, AND JAMES AND MINCY PETERSON, TAX MAP NUMBER 00984-01-024, AND ZONE SAME PROPERTY R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Stanley and Diane Barnes, Tax Map Number 00984-01-008, and James and Mincy Peterson, Tax Map Number 00984-01-024, and zone same property R-1, Single Family Residential was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-14 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-15 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY MICHAEL AND KATHRYN ROACH, TAX MAP NUMBER 01221-01-239, AND ZONE SAME PROPERTY R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Michael and Kathryn Roach, Tax Map Number 01221-01-239, and zone same property R-1, Single Family Residential District was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-15 on second reading. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-16 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY E. G. HUDSON, TAX MAP NUMBER 90044-03-002; 90044-03-004; 90044-03-005; 90044-03-006; 90044-03-012; 90044-03-010; 90044-03-014; 90044-03-015; 90044-04-005; 90044-06-008; 90044-04-009; 90044-04-010; 90044-04-019; 90044-04-020 AND 90044-06-001, AND ZONE SAME PROPERTY R-3, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL.

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by E. G. Hudson, Tax Map Number 90044-03-002; 90044-03-004; 90044-03-005; 90044-03-006; 90044-03-012; 90044-03-010; 90044-03-014; 90044-03-015; 90044-04-005; 90044-06-008; 90044-04-009; 90044-04-010; 90044-04-019; 90044-04-020 and 90044-06-001, and zone same property R-3, Multi-Family Residential was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-16 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BILL NO. 2014-17 – SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1.6 ACRES AND DESIGNATED AS TAX MAP NUMBER 00188-03-075 IN THE RECORDS OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR.

An Ordinance authorizing the transfer of a parcel of land containing approximately 1.6 acres and designated as Tax Map Number 00188-03-075 in the records of the Florence County Tax Assessor was adopted on second reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Bill N. 2014-17 on second reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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.

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 was deferred on second reading.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

BILL NO. 2014-19 – FIRST 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.

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 was passed on first reading.

Mayor Wukela stated this is the first reading of the Ordinance that provides for the refinancing portion of two Hospitality Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds. In 2006 and 2009 the City issued lease-purchase financings using hospitality fee annual appropriations to repay the debt for the Veterans Park construction, Radio Drive improvements, the Tennis Center construction and FMU Performing Arts Center capital construction contribution.

The City has negotiated with BB&T to reduce the interest rate for the 2006 financing from the current rate of 2.62% to 2.05% and to reduce the interest for the 2009 financing from the current rate of 3.79% to 2.60%, resulting in a total present value savings on the two loans of \$309,881.65. For the 2014 Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, BB&T has also agreed to provide the City with an interest rate of 3.42% for 20 years to finance the construction of a regional gymnasium facility.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2014-19 on first reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMPLETE, AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY (SRF) FOR A LOW INTEREST LOAN FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN FUND IN AN AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,300,000 TO FINANCE THE FIRST PHASE OF IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS TO THE TIMMONSVILLE SEWER SYSTEM.

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to complete, and the Mayor to execute and submit an application to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority (SRF) for a low interest loan from the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund in an amount of approximately \$2,300,000 to finance the first phase of improvements and repairs to the Timmons ville Sewer System was adopted by Council.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-08. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Councilman Willis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2014.

Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

**SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 27, 2014 – 3:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 WEST EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stephen J. Wukela called the special meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. with the following members present: Councilman Robby L. Hill; Councilwoman Teresa Myers Ervin; Councilman Edward Robinson; Mayor Pro tem Buddy Brand; Councilwoman Octavia Williams-Blake and Councilman Glynn F. Willis.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager; Mrs. Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Mr. Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance; Mr. Scotty Davis, Director of General Services; Mr. Ray Reich, Downtown Development Manager; Chief Randy Osterman, Florence Fire Chief; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; and Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities.

Notice of the date, time and location of the meeting was provided to the media and those individuals requesting copies of the City Council agenda.

Mr. Gavin Jackson of the Morning News was present for the meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Ervin gave an invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

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.

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 was adopted on second reading.

Councilman Willis made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2014-18 on second reading. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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.

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 was passed on first reading.

Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager stated that at the last budget worksession, each department director was to present an issue that would be of interest to Council. There are three departments left to make presentations.

MICHAEL HEMINGWAY – CITY OF FLORENCE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Mr. Hemingway gave Council a brief update on the actions and activities of the Timmons ville Utility System after the City took conveyance of the utility on January 9, 2014.

- ▶ Completed second quarter under the Consent Decree that the City negotiated with USDA and the City Attorney on May 26, 2014.
- ▶ Submitted Water System Corrective Action Plan. This will detail the actions that will be taken for the elevated storage tank, the water plant and doing the connection lines from the City of Florence to Timmons ville.
- ▶ Submitted the Sewer Overflow Response Plan. This will handle activities from the 17 pump stations in the Sanitary Sewer collection line within the Town of Timmons ville.
- ▶ Submitted the Comprehensive Performance Evaluation. This relates to the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the actions that will be taken at the influent station and the overall process within the Wastewater Treatment Facility itself.
- ▶ Completed and received approval from the State Revolving Fund on the South Hill Street sanitary sewer line that had collapsed prior to the conveyance of the Timmons ville system. Staff will be moving forward with bidding this project and expects a completion date of late fall 2014.
- ▶ The permanent water booster pump station that was approved by City Council in August, 2013, is now completed and is operational.
- ▶ In the process of installing the 10 inch water main along US Highway 76 with a completion date of late fall 2014.
- ▶ The sand filter project at the Wastewater Treatment Facility has been bid and awarded to MB Kahn. A notice to proceed will be issued June 8, 2014 and scheduled completion is November, 2014.
- ▶ There are two pump stations, the King Pin Pump Station and the Industrial pump station, that will have to be replaced. Plans are being prepared for these repairs and the project will bid soon.
- ▶ There were 30,670 water customer accounts before the conveyance in December, 2013. After conveyance in January 2014, there are now 31,588 water customer accounts.
- ▶ The number of sewer customer accounts before conveyance in December, 2013 was 19,882. After conveyance in January 2014, there are now 20,719 sewer customer accounts.

CHIEF ALLEN HEIDLER – CRIME STATISTICS

Two major factors impacting crime statistics in Florence and South Carolina overall:

1. Truth in reporting to the FBI – UCR (Uniform Crime Report). Chief Heidler stated that every single crime is reported that is brought to the department's attention. While almost every crime in the City decreased last year by at least 13%, larcenies went up by 16% because of the increase in retail shoplifting.
2. Crime Ranking – Publishing Company (not affiliated with the FBI) has established a Florence metropolitan statistical area that includes all of Florence County, all of Darlington County and part of Dillon County. This company bases the ranking for the City of Florence upon this area that they established.

There are warnings and condemnation regarding crime rankings coming from: 1) The FBI; 2) the National Mayors Association; and 3) the International Association of Chiefs of Police. At the end of the UCR, every year there is a statement that reads, do not make rankings based upon this raw information because there are other factors that go into these statistics.

Chief Heidler was asked to comment on the Wikipedia page for the City of Florence that, in spite of being corrected many times, there is a private company that is reporting crime statistics from 2006 that indicates that Florence was 5th in the nation for violent crimes. Even though the Morning News has reported statistics that the City is at or below the state average for crime in about every category, the 2006 statistics are being listed on the Wikipedia page.

THOMAS CHANDLER – BOND CREDIT RATING UPDATE

Mr. Chandler stated that within the last 10 months the City has been reviewed by both Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's on its rating for the Water and Sewer System that was conducted in 2010 prior to the sale of \$99 million in bonds for a \$31 million refunding and \$68 million for the construction of the Water and Sewer Facility.

As background information, Mr. Chandler listed what a bond credit rating is:

- ▶ A bond credit rating represents the credit worthiness of corporate or government bonds.
- ▶ Ratings are published by credit rating agencies and used by investment professionals to assess the likelihood that the debt will be repaid.
- ▶ The two largest rating agencies are Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poors.
- ▶ The credit rating is a financial indicator to potential investors of debt securities such as bonds.
- ▶ Ratings are assigned with letter designations which represent the quality of a bond.
- ▶ Moody's assigns bond credit ratings of Aaa, Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca, and C.
- ▶ Standard & Poor's assigns bond credit ratings of AAA, AA, A, BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC, C and D. AAA is the highest rating that can be given. There are not many AAA utilities in the State. In fact, for Moody's there is none and for Standard & Poor's, there is only one.
- ▶ The City's water and sewer system is rated by Moody's and S&P prior to a public sale of revenue bonds needed for significant capital improvements.
- ▶ The City's system was last rated by both agencies in 2010 prior to the 2010A and 2010B Series revenue bonds for refunding and WWTP capital construction.
- ▶ Following the assignment of a rating, both Moody's and S&P perform rating reviews periodically and when substantial change to the system is anticipated or realized.
- ▶ Given the recent acquisition of the Timmonsville water and sewer system and the issues related to the system, including the consent decree, both Moody's and S&P have recently completed reviews of the City's water and sewer system ratings.
- ▶ On April 23, 2014, following a comprehensive review of the City's water and sewer system to include the impact of the Timmonsville acquisition, Moody's affirmed the system's rating of Aa2 with a stable outlook. This rating represents a very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.

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- ▶ On July 31, 2013, following a comprehensive review of the City’s water and sewer system to include the impact of the Timmonsville acquisition, S&P affirmed the system’s rating of A+ with a stable outlook. This rating represents a strong capacity to meet financial commitments.
- ▶ The City’s water and sewer system rating by Moody’s was last upgraded in 2000, then recalibrated in 2010.
- ▶ The City’s water and sewer system rating by S&P was last upgraded in 2009.
- ▶ Of the rate combined public water and sewer (and electric) utility systems in South Carolina, the City of Florence ranks second for Moody’s with a Aa2 rating and fifth for S&P with an A+ rating.

BUDGET WORKSESSION

Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager stated following the budget presentation, Council will be asked to give first reading to the budget with second reading to occur at the June 9, 2014 City Council meeting. The FY 2014-15 Budget Presentation Agenda for today is:

- ▶ Budget Totals By Fund
- ▶ Budget Highlights/Compensation & Benefits Changes
- ▶ General Fund
- ▶ Hospitality Special Revenue Fund
- ▶ CDBG Budget
- ▶ Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund
- ▶ Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund
- ▶ Water/Sewer & Stormwater Utility Construction Funds
- ▶ Utilities Equipment Replacement Funds

The City manages ten funds as listed below. The General Fund and the Water/Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund are the two largest funds in the budget. All of the budgets combined show a total budget of \$75,048,160.

<u>Proposed FY 2013-14 Budgets by Fund</u>		
General Fund	\$	31,400,000
General Fund Debt Service Fund		421,600
Hospitality Fund		3,435,000
CDBG Fund		282,460
W/S Utilities Enterprise Fund		31,665,000
Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund		1,340,000
W/S Utilities Construction Fund		5,326,000
Stormwater Utility Construction Fund		705,000
W/S Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund		425,100
Stormwater Equipment Replacement Fund		48,000
ALL FUNDS	\$	75,048,160

FY 2014-15 Budget Highlights

- ▶ No Property Tax Increase Included
 - ▶ Currently 56.7 total mills (53.7 operating & debt service mills)
 - ▶ Subject to amendment due to 2013 countywide property reassessment
- ▶ Small Adjustment to Landfill Disposal Fee
 - ▶ Last Adjustment made in 2010
 - ▶ Residential Increase of \$0.21 per month per Residential Customer
 - ▶ Commercial Rate Increase of \$0.60 per Cubic Yard

These are the recommendations for benefits and employee contributions to health insurance and retirement increases.

FY 2014-15 Compensation & Benefits Budgeted Changes

- ▶ 2% Cost of Living increase effective January 1, 2015
- ▶ Projected 10% Health Insurance premium increase for City effective January 1, 2015
- ▶ Retirement System contribution increases for City and employees effective July 1, 2014:
 - ▶ SCRS: **Employee** contribution increases .5% (from 7.5% to 8%)
 - ▶ SCRS: **City** contribution increases .30% (from 10.6% to 10.9%)
 - ▶ PORS: **Employee** contribution increases .57% (from 7.84% to 8.41%)
 - ▶ PORS: **City** contribution increases .57% (from 12.85% to 13.41%)

The original revenue projections for the FY 2014-15 General Fund Budget were \$30,767,000 and the original expenditure requests were \$32,659,000 (a difference of \$1,892,000). The proposed FY 2014-15 Budget is \$31,400,000 as compared to the FY 2013-14 General Fund Budget of \$29,470,000.

This is a list of actions taken to balance the budget. Staff updated and modified revenue projections; extended the hiring timeline to 14-16 weeks for anyone that leaves employment with the City; reduced operational funding requests; reduced capital funding requests; looking at capital purchases at the end of this year that may have been placed in the budget for next year; and giving the 2% cost of living in January 2015 will split that cost in half.

Actions Taken to Balance FY 2014-15 General Fund Budget

- ▶ Updated & Modified Revenue Projections
- ▶ Extended Hiring Timeline
- ▶ Operational Funding Request Adjustments
- ▶ Capital Funding Request Eliminations
- ▶ End of Year Capital Purchases
- ▶ 2% Cost of Living for Half Year

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This chart shows revenue increases (changes in projections) that were made in the proposed budget over the initial requests to help balance the budget. This generated an additional \$633,000.

<u>General Fund</u>	
<u>Revenue Projection Increases Made In Balancing</u>	
<u>Proposed FY 2014-15 Budget</u>	
<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Homestead Exemption	\$ 1,000
Current Business License	100,000
Insurance License	50,000
Delinquent Business License	50,000
Landfill Fees	100,000
W/S Transfer	154,000
Interest	1,500
Community Development	56,500
FEMA Reimbursement (February 2014 Ice Storm)	120,000
TOTAL	\$ 633,000

Mr. Griffin stated that when the hiring timeline is extended, the estimated net expenditure savings is \$470,350. The City has had to rely on this more as the recession flattened growth.

<u>General Fund</u>	
<u>Compensation and Benefits Cost Reductions</u>	
<u>Made in Balancing Proposed FY 2013-14 Budget</u>	
From Extended Hiring Timeline	\$ 410,000
From \$25 Monthly Employee Insurance Contribution	<u>60,350</u>
TOTAL	\$ 470,350

These are line item by line item reductions out of each department.

<u>General Fund</u>	
<u>Operational Funding Reductions Made in Balancing</u>	
<u>Proposed FY 2014-15 Budget</u>	
<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Govt/Admin Services	\$ 20,600
Police	55,000
Fire	19,000
Beautification & Facilities	52,500
Sanitation	18,500
Recreation	10,500
Athletics	31,000
Other Employee Benefits	5,000
Property & Liability Insurance	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 227,100

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This is equipment that is on schedule to be replaced but staff has determined that it can be deferred for one more year. Much of this is rolling stock. The negative side of this is, as vehicles get older the operational costs are increased.

<u>General Fund</u>	
<u>Equipment Eliminated in Balancing</u>	
<u>Proposed FY 2014-15 Budget</u>	
<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fire	\$ 78,000
Beautification & Facilities	37,000
Recreation	35,000
Athletics	<u>18,000</u>
Athletics	
TOTAL	\$ 168,000

These are end of year purchases. By diligently controlling expenses this year, staff believes there will be \$450,050 at the end of this year that will appear next year in a budget amendment that will allow these capital purchases.

<u>General Fund</u>	
<u>End of Current Year Capital Purchases</u>	
<u>Proposed in Balancing FY 2014-15 Budget</u>	
<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Police	\$ 90,350
Fire	103,500
Beautification & Facilities	76,000
Sanitation	25,000
Equipment Maintenance	28,200
Recreation	70,000
Athletics	<u>57,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 450,050

This funding increase of \$56,500 is the result of adding allowable 20% CDBG administration and planning funding to be used for Neighborhood Redevelopment programs. Revenue and expenses were added to the budget after original budget projections were made.

<u>General Fund</u>	
<u>Funding Increases Made in Balancing</u>	
<u>Proposed FY 2014-15 Budget</u>	
<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Non Departmental	\$ <u>56,500</u>
TOTAL	\$ 56,500

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This is a summary of adjustments made to expenditures in order to balance the budget.

**Summary of Expenditure Adjustments
To Balance General Fund Budget**

<u>Expenditure Reductions</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Compensation and Benefits cost Reductions	\$ 470,350
Operational Funding Reductions	227,100
Eliminated Equipment Cost Reductions	168,000
End of Year Capital Purchases Reductions	<u>450,050</u>
Reductions to Balance Budget	\$ 1,315,500
Less Expenditure increases CDBG Admin Funding	<u>-56,500</u>
Total Expenditure Reductions to Balance Budget	\$ 1,259,000

Note: Expenditure increases of \$56,500 is the result of adding allowable 20% CDBG administration and planning funding to be used for Neighborhood Redevelopment programs. Revenue and expenses were added to the budget after original budget projections were made.

The General Fund Revenues were increased by \$633,000 over the original revenue projections and the General Fund Expenditures were decreased by \$1,259,000 from the original expenditures. These actions enabled the General Fund Budget to be balanced at a total of \$31,400,000.

Balancing the FY 2014-15 General Fund Budget - Recap

GF REVENUES

Original Revenue Projections	\$ 30,767,000	
Revenue Increases Added	<u>+633,000</u>	
FY 2014-15 Final GF Revenues		\$ 31,400,000

GF EXPENDITURES

Original Expenditure Projections	\$ 32,659,000	
Expenditure Reductions	<u>-1,259,000</u>	
FY 2014-15 Final GF Expenditures		\$ 31,400,000

All of the revenues, by percent of total, equal the General Fund budget of \$31,400,000. The two largest revenue sources are Property Taxes (30.04%) and Licenses & Fees (35.99%).

**FY 2014-15 General Fund
Revenue Budget by Source**

Category	FY 2015	% of Total
Property Taxes*	\$ 9,434,000	30.04%
Licenses & Fees	11,300,000	35.99%
Governmental Reimbursements	2,928,500	9.33%
Charges for Service	2,014,000	6.41%
Fines & Forfeitures	718,500	2.29%
Miscellaneous & Other Revenues	476,500	1.52%
Interfund Transfers	<u>4,528,500</u>	<u>14.42%</u>
TOTAL	\$ 31,400,000	100.00%

*Local Option Sales Tax accounts for 53.79% of the total Property Taxes.

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This chart shows the FY 2014 data in the same category compared to the FY 2015 data. This shows total growth at 6.55%.

<u>General Fund</u>					
<u>FY 2014 & 2015 Revenue Budget</u>					
<u>Comparison</u>					
Category	FY 2014	FY 2015	Change	% Change	
Property Taxes	\$ 9,219,600	\$ 9,434,000	\$ 214,400	2.33%	
Business Licenses	7,751,000	7,850,000	99,000	1.28%	
Franchise Fees	3,300,000	3,450,000	150,000	4.55%	
Govt. Reimbursements	1,963,600	2,928,500	964,900	49.14%	
Charges for Service	1,901,800	2,014,000	112,200	5.90%	
Fines & Forfeitures	700,000	718,500	18,500	2.64%	
Other Revenues	376,000	476,500	100,500	26.73%	
Interfund Transfers	4,258,000	4,528,500	270,500	6.35%	
TOTAL	\$ 29,470,000	\$ 31,400,000	\$ 1,930,000	6.55%	

This chart shows the fixed and variable costs for the General Fund for the FY 2014-15 Budget. Approximately 70% of the General Fund Budget is in personnel.

<u>FY 2014-15 General Fund</u>		
<u>Expenditure Budget by Category</u>		
FIXED COSTS	FY 15 Budget	% of Total
Personnel/Benefits	\$ 21,942,150	69.88%
Departmental Operations	4,828,650	15.38%
Capital Leases	451,000	1.44%
Grants	150,200	0.48%
OPEB/Unemployment Comp	523,500	1.67%
Property/Liability/Small Claims	469,000	1.49%
Fixed Non Departmental	<u>2,557,000</u>	<u>8.14%</u>
Subtotal	\$ 30,921,500	98.48%
VARIABLE COSTS		
Other Capital	\$ 15,000	0.05%
Other Non Departmental	218,500	0.70%
Community Programs	<u>245,000</u>	<u>0.78%</u>
Subtotal	\$ 478,500	1.52%
TOTAL	\$ 31,400,000	100.00%

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This information reflects the variations between the current fiscal year and next year's proposed budget.

<u>FY 2014-15 Changes by Category</u>				
<u>From FY 2013-14 Original Budget</u>				
FIXED COSTS	FY 14 Budget	FY 15 Budget	% Change	
Personnel/Benefits	\$ 20,906,730	\$ 21,942,150	4.95%	
Departmental Operations	4,867,000	4,828,650	-0.79%	
Capital Leases	366,000	451,000	23.22%	
Grants	360,600	150,200	-58.35%	
OPEB/Unemployment Comp	507,570	523,500	3.14%	
Property/Liability/Small Claims	397,000	469,000	18.14%	
Fixed Non Departmental	<u>1,440,600</u>	<u>2,557,000</u>	<u>77.50%</u>	
Subtotal	\$ 28,845,500	\$ 30,921,500	7.20%	
VARIABLE COSTS				
Other Capital	\$ 229,500	\$ 15,000	-93.46%	
Other Non Departmental	210,000	218,500	4.05%	
Community Programs	<u>185,000</u>	<u>245,000</u>	<u>32.43%</u>	
Subtotal	\$ 624,500	\$ 478,500	-23.38%	
TOTAL	\$ 29,470,000	\$ 31,400,000	6.55%	

FUNDING OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The following chart shows the community programs that are funded in the FY 2014-15 budget. A public hearing was held at the May 12, 2014 City Council meeting and funding was requested from six additional agencies. Council can decide to fund the additional requests or leave the funding as presented for the FY 2014-15 Budget.

<u>Appropriation Requests by Agency/Event</u>			
<u>FY 2014-15</u>			
<u>Included in FY 2014-15 Budget</u>		<u>Not Included in FY 2014-15 Budget</u>	
Agency/Project/Event	Amount	Agency/Project/Event	Amount
PAL Programming	\$ 5,000	Florence YMCA	\$ 6,000
Boys & Girls Club	41,000	The Naomi Project	20,000
PDRTA	150,000	Camp Ranger	10,000
Red Cross	10,000	Resurrection Restoration Ctr	3,500
Keep Florence Beautiful	5,000	Homeless of the Pee Dee	10,000
Legislative Day	10,000	PDRTA (Amount not funded)	<u>9,000</u>
City Talk Programming	7,000		
Subrecipients	42,360	TOTAL	\$ 58,500
Stadium Commission	5,100		
CAA Boxing Program	10,000		
Weed & Seed	50,000		
Florence Museum	<u>40,000</u>		
TOTAL	\$ 375,460		

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CDBG FUND

2014-15 CDBG Budget
\$282,460

CDBG funding can only be used to meet three national objectives: aid in the elimination of slum and blight; benefit to low-moderate income persons; and meeting a need having a particular urgency.

City staff held public meetings to receive input on the Community Development Block Grant funding at the following times and locations:

Date	Time	Location
April 1, 2014	6:30 p.m.	Williams Heights
April 7, 2014	6:30 p.m.	Greater Wilson Heights
April 9, 2014	6:00 p.m.	Levy Park Community Center
April 15, 2014	6:00 p.m.	Northwest Community Center
April 16, 2014	2:00 p.m.	City Council Chambers

Community requests received during the public hearings include additional lights in the neighborhoods. Staff is in the process of changing out between 50 and 60 lights in neighborhoods. Drainage issues are addressed through stormwater; abandoned housing is being looked at as a program associated with community development; the community center at Dr. Iola Jones Park could be built through the neighborhood redevelopment projects but if that does not happen within the next year there will be plans to find funds for that; and the vacant lots are handled through the Codes Enforcement Department with the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance and the Livability Court. There are also some funds set aside to help with the vacant lots. A reduction in the amount of funding for the Pee Dee Transitional Shelter this year is a result of correspondence from HUD stating that the City has funded the shelter at the same level for many years. HUD prefers to see CDBG funding used for help but moving toward a stand along status. The funding for the Salvation Army, Manna House and the Whosoever Community Church is related to warming stations associated with extreme cold weather. ECHO is the regional-wide homeless initiative and HUD has requested that the City allocate funding for this initiative because it is a regional approach to homeless issues.

2013-14 CDBG Budget

Community requests included funding for:

- ▶ Additional lights in the neighborhoods
- ▶ Drainage issues
- ▶ Abandoned houses
- ▶ Dr. Iola Jones Park – Community center, shed, picnic tables
- ▶ Vacant lots

RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Expenditure Category	Amount
Planning & Administration	\$ 56,490
Recreation Improvements – Section 108 Loan	100,000
Emergency Rehabilitation	83,970
Pee Dee Transitional Shelter	22,000
Salvation Army	5,000
Manna House	5,000
Whosoever Community Church	5,000
ECHO	<u>5,000</u>
Total Funding	\$ 282,460

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 – 09

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.

A Resolution to adopt the Community Development Block Grant Budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 was adopted by Council.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2014-09. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HOSPITALITY FUND

The Hospitality Fund is one of the City’s growth funds but it is also a restricted fund. State Law limits the expenditure of hospitality funds to certain stated purposes.

This fund has continued to have positive growth; even during the recession.

<u>FY 2010-2015</u>		
<u>Hospitality Fees Comparison</u>		
Fiscal Year	Collections	% Change
2010	2,841,585	1.46%
2011	2,926,340	2.98%
2012	3,092,529	5.68%
2013	3,214,470	3.94%
2014*	3,300,000	2.66%
2015*	3,430,000	3.94%
*2014 Estimated		
*2015 Budgeted		

The amount projected for FY 2014-15 is \$3,435,000.

<u>Hospitality Fund Revenues</u>	
Hospitality Fees	\$ 3,430,000
Interest Earnings	<u>5,000</u>
FY 14-15 Hospitality Fund	
Estimated Revenues	\$ 3,435,000

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This is the projected budget for the Hospitality Fund for FY 2014-15.

<u>Hospitality Fund Expenditures</u>	
Freedom Florence and Tennis Center Operations	\$ 891,500
Florence Museum	40,000
Florence Downtown Development Corporation	77,200
Florence Downtown Economic Development Incentives	80,000
Florence Downtown Promotions	30,000
Radio Florence	15,000
Wayfinding Signage	25,000
Radio Drive/Veterans Park Debt Service	237,000
Tennis Center/Performing Arts Center Debt Service	533,000
Recreation Facility/Gymnasium Debt Service	243,000
Florence Historic District Street Lighting Operations	30,000
Florence Civic Center	1,172,100
Contingency	<u>61,200</u>
FY 14-15 Hospitality Fund Estimated Expenditures	\$ 3,435,000

This is the Civic Center Funding Budget Request for FY 2014-15. This is the City's 50% share and will be matched by the County.

<u>Civic Center Funding</u>	
Expense Category	Amount
Debt Service	\$ 617,100
Operations	375,000
Business Development (Marketing)	80,000
Capital Improvements	<u>100,000</u>
Total Funding	\$ 1,172,000

Note: In FY 2013-14 the Civic Center also received City Accommodations Tax in the amount of \$91,044 for advertising, marketing & promotions (\$82,044), and business and conference development (\$9,000).

There are essentially two areas of expenditures for the Florence Downtown Development Corporation.

<u>Florence Downtown Development Corporation Funding</u>	
Expense Category	Amount
Property Ownership Expenses (i.e., insurance, utilities repairs, etc.)	\$ 48,700
Organizational Administration (i.e., printing, supplies, professional fees, etc.)	<u>28,500</u>
Total Funding	\$ 77,200

WATER & SEWER UTILITIES ENTERPRISE FUND

Water & Sewer Revenues by Source

Wastewater Fees & Charges	48%
Water Fees & Charges	46%
Other Revenue	6%

This chart shows the expenses of the Water and Sewer Expenses by Department. The two largest expenses of the Water & Sewer Department are in debt service and nondepartmental construction.

Water & Sewer Expenses by Department

Debt Service	\$ 11,122,000	35%
Nondept/Const Fund Transfer	6,717,580	21%
Wastewater Treatment	4,195,570	13%
Utility Finance	1,871,150	6%
Ground Water Production	1,865,610	6%
Surface Water Production	1,753,590	6%
Distribution Ops	1,739,680	5%
Engineering	1,175,520	4%
Collection Ops	1,224,300	4%

This is the construction fund. The utility relocation reimbursements are from the one penny sales tax.

WATER & SEWER UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION FUND

**FY 2014-15 Water & Sewer
Construction Fund Revenue**

Projected Funds on Hand on July 1, 2014	\$	1,500,000
FY 2014-15 Transfer from W/S Operating Fund		2,300,000
Projected Interest Earnings		25,000
Utility Relocation Reimb for Highway Projects (from 1¢ sales tax)		1,359,000
Florence County Infrastructure Fund Reimbursement		100,000
Florence County Reimbursement – Sumter St. Waterline Ext.		<u>42,000</u>
Total W/S Construction Fund Revenue	\$	5,326,000

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This chart lists 10 projects that have been approved in prior year budgets for a total of \$2,194,000; projects approved and added in 2013-2014 for a total of \$987,000; proposed projects for FY 2014-15 for a total of \$1,160,000; and two other projects for a total of \$985,000. The total for water and sewer construction funds projects is \$5,326,000. \$100,000 has been allocated for waterline extension requests in the old Florence County service area as a city/county partnership.

FY 2014-15 W/S Construction Fund Projects

A. Projects Approved in Prior Year Budgets	
1. TV Road Widening Utilities Relocation (SCDOT)	\$ 1,150,000
2. Country Creek Sewer Extension	10,000
3. N. Ebenezer Road Water Line Relocation (SCDOT)	120,000
4. Surface Water Plant Intake Screen Repair	200,000
5. Oakdale Area Water Pressure Improvements	250,000
6. U.S. Hwy. 76 Widening Utilities Relocation (SCDOT)	152,000
7. Revision of Subdivision Code (UDO Development)	5,000
8. Jeffries Creek Beaver Management (SSO Compliance)	7,000
9. Downtown Utilities Relocation	200,000
10. Waterline Extension Requests – Florence County	100,000
B. Projects Approved and Added in FY 2013-14	
1. Sumter Street Water Line Extension	\$ 75,000
2. Pamplico Hwy Widening Utilities Relocation (SCDOT)	912,000
C. Proposed Projects for FY 2014-15	
1. Elevated Tank Inspection, Repair & Painting	\$ 300,000
2. East Palmetto St. Water Line Tie-In at Fairgrounds	350,000
3. South Cashua Widening Utilities Relocation (SCDOT)	75,000
4. New WWMF Access Road (City Portion)	435,000
D. Other	
1. Utility Line Engineering/Legal/Professional Services	\$ 150,000
2. Reserved for Other Projects	<u>835,000</u>
Total W/S Construction Fund Expenses	\$ 5,326,000

The Stormwater Utility Fund is very similar to the water and sewer utilities fund but is smaller. It is more consistent because it is a flat fee. When this fund was created the City stated they would dedicate 50% of the fees to operations and 50% on non-operational costs associated with the stormwater utility. These fees have not been increased since the utility was adopted.

Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund

Stormwater Revenues by Source

Stormwater Fees	96%
Other Revenue	4%

Stormwater Expenses by Category

Operations	52%
Debt Service	25%
Nondept/Const Fund Transfer	23%

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The Stormwater Utility Construction Fund has \$600,000 on hand that can be used for projects. \$100,000 is being transferred from the Stormwater Operating Fund.

Stormwater Utility Construction Fund

FY 2013-14 Stormwater Construction Fund Revenue

Projected Funds on Hand on July 1, 2014	\$	600,000
FY 2014-15 Transfer from Stormwater Operating Fund		100,000
Projected Interest Earnings		<u>5,000</u>
Total Stormwater Construction Fund Revenue	\$	705,000

This is a list of the Stormwater Construction Fund Projects on hand. There is \$440,000 reserved for other projects. Staff anticipates some of these funds will be used to solve neighborhood related drainage issues. These issues may be either part of road construction or neighborhood improvement.

FY 2014-15 Stormwater Construction Fund Projects

A. Projects Approved and/or Begun in Prior Years		
1. Stormwater Operations Division Pipe Projects	\$	10,000
2. End-of-Pipe Water Quality Enhancements Projects		5,000
3. Double-Barrel Pipe Repair (Behind Calvary Baptist)		10,000
4. Timrod Park Pipe Outfall Improvements		65,000
5. NPDES Phase II Compliance		50,000
B. Projects Approved in FY 2014-15		
1. Malden – Damon Storm Drainage Improvements	\$	100,000
C. Other		
1. Reserved for Other Projects	\$	440,000
2. Stormwater Engineering/Legal/Professional Services		<u>25,000</u>
Total S/W Construction Fund Expenses	\$	705,000

Equipment replacement is funded out of the water and sewer and stormwater through the fees that are generated. Unlike the General Fund, this is a self-perpetuating fund.

Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund

W/S Equipment Replacement Fund Budget by Department

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Utility Finance	\$ 53,600
Engineering	115,000
Wastewater Treatment Plant	63,500
Surface Water Production	24,000
Ground Water Production	72,000
Distribution Operations	<u>97,000</u>
W/S Capital Equipment Fund Total	\$ 425,100

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<u>Stormwater</u>	
<u>Equipment Replacement Fund</u>	
<u>Budget By Department</u>	
<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Stormwater Operations	\$ 48,000
Stormwater Capital Equipment Fund Total	\$ 48,000

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.

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 was passed on first reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2014-20 on first reading. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Williams-Blake made a motion for Council to enter into Executive Session to receive legal advice. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Council entered into Executive Session at 4:37 p.m.

Councilman Robinson left the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Mayor Wukela reconvened the special meeting at 5:25 p.m.

No action was requested in Executive Session and no action was taken.

ADJOURN

Without objection the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2014.

Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

**SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014 - 3:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 WEST EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Wukela called the special meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro tem Brand; Councilman Hill; Councilwoman Ervin; and Councilman Willis.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Williams-Blake and Councilman Robinson

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager; Mrs. Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk; and Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney.

Notice of the date, time and location of the meeting was provided to the media.

Mr. Gavin Jackson of the Morning News and Mr. Ken Baker of WMBF News were present for the meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Ervin gave an invocation for the meeting, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Council entered into Executive Session at 3:07 p.m.

Mayor Wukela reconvened the special meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Mayor Wukela stated that during Executive Session, Council received legal advice and input on the effect of the recently passed amendments to South Carolina Code 44-23-1000. Members of Council asked questions and expressed concerns over these implications of this new statute on the general concept of Home Rule and particularly upon the ability of the City to annex. After receiving responses to those questions, the City is confident that the intent and the stated effect of this statute does not impact either the City's ability to annex, the City's ability to deliver service to the newly annexed properties, or the City's ability to tax those properties in order to be able to provide those services. The City's understanding of the law is when a piece of property is annexed by the City that is located in a special purpose district, that property is then removed from that special purpose district and the City is not bound by the laws that bind that district. This is the understanding with which City Council will proceed to consider the annexation petitions that will be presented at the June 9, 2014 City Council meeting. Mayor Wukela stated that if the upcoming annexations are approved, they will be approved in the same method, with the same delivery of service and the same taxation abilities that the City has always had. City Council will continue to monitor the developments regarding the fire district, but at this point will continue to operate as it always has.

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ADJOURN

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Willis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2014.

Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Hospitality Fund Refunding Revenue Bond Ordinance – Second Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION

A Series Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a Series 2014A and Series 2014B Hospitality Fee Refunding Revenue Bond Revenue Bond in the principal amount of \$6,193,000 to refund Hospitality Fund lease purchase financing loans issued in 2006 and 2009.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

On May 12, 2014 City Council adopted the Series 2014 Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond Ordinance providing for funding in the amount of \$4,605,000 through BB&T for the construction of a regional gymnasium and recreation facility.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

A. In 2006 and in 2009 the City issued lease-purchase financings using hospitality fee annual appropriations to repay the debt for Veterans Park construction and Radio Drive improvements, and for the Tennis Center construction and FMU Performing Arts center capital construction contribution. Both of these lease-purchase agreements are being financed by BB&T.

B. As part of the financing structure to fund the construction of a regional gymnasium and recreational facility noted above, the City also negotiated with BB&T to reduce the interest for the 2006 financing from the current rate of 2.62% to 2.05% for the remaining life of the loan, and to reduce the interest for the 2009 financing from the current rate of 3.79% to 2.60% for the remaining life of the loan, resulting in a total present value savings on the two loans of \$309,881.65.

C. The adoption by City Council of a Series Ordinance is required to refund the 2006 and 2009 hospitality lease-purchase financings and adopting a Hospitality Refunding Revenue Bond for the refinancing these issues at lower interest rates.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

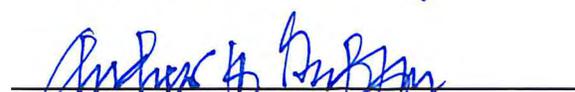
Approve and adopt on first reading a Series 2014A and 2014B Hospitality Fee Revenue Refunding Bonds ordinance.

V. ATTACHMENTS

The Hospitality Fee Refunding Revenue Bond Ordinance is attached.



Thomas W. Chandler
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

2014 REFUNDING SERIES ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2014__

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.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Florence (the "Council"), the governing body of the City of Florence, South Carolina (the "City"):

Section 1. Findings of Fact.

As an incident to the enactment of this ordinance, and the issuance of the bonds provided for herein, the Council finds that the facts set forth in this Section 1 exist and the following statements are in all respects true and correct:

(a) On May 12, 2014, the Council adopted a General Bond Ordinance (the "General Bond Ordinance") providing for the issuance of Hospitality Fee Revenue Bonds.

(b) On June 30, 2006, as amended effective April 10, 2012, the City entered into a \$3,000,000 Lease Purchase Financing with Branch Baking and Trust Company, Inc. to defray the cost of improvements to Veterans Memorial Park and the widening of Radio Road and related transportation infrastructure improvements in the vicinity of the Florence Civic Center (the "2006 Lease Purchase"). On March 23, 2009, the City entered into a \$7,500,000 Lease Financing with Branch Banking and Trust Company, Inc. to defray the cost of construction of a municipal tennis complex and providing a capital contribution for the construction of the Francis Marion University Center for the Performing Arts to be located in downtown Florence (the "2009 Lease Purchase").

(c) Council has now determined that it is in the best interest of the City to issue several series of Bonds (collectively, the "Bonds") pursuant to the General Bond Ordinance for the purposes of (i) restructuring/refinancing the 2006 Lease Purchase and (ii) restructuring/refinancing the 2009 Lease Purchase.

(D) Branch Banking & Trust Co., in the correspondence attached hereto as Exhibit A, and as holder of the 2006 Lease Purchase and the 2009 Lease Purchase has offered to reduce the interest rate on these obligations from 2.62% and 3.79% to 2.05% and 2.60%, respectively. As a result, Council has determined to issue refunding obligations pursuant to the General Bond Ordinance as described in the next succeeding paragraph.

(e) The series of bonds relating to the refinancing of the 2006 Lease Purchase shall be in the amount of \$1,545,000 and shall be designated the "Series 2014A Bond." The series of bonds relating to the refinancing of the 2009 Lease Purchase shall be in the amount of \$4,648,000 and shall be designated the "Series 2014B Bond."

(f) The capital improvements constructed with the proceeds of the 2006 Lease Purchase and the 2009 Lease Purchase constitute "tourism-related cultural, recreational, or historic facilities" as well as "highways, roads, streets...providing access to tourist destinations." Thus, the refinancing of the 2006 Lease

Purchase and the 2009 Lease Purchase with the proceeds of the Series 2014A Bond and the Series 2014B Bond, respectively, is permitted by the Local Hospitality Tax Act.

Section 2. Definitions. The terms defined above and in this Section 2 and all words and terms defined in the General Bond Ordinance (the General Bond Ordinance, as from time to time amended or supplemented by Supplemental Ordinances, being defined as the "Ordinance") (except as herein otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires), shall for all purposes of this Series Ordinance have the respective meanings given to them in the Ordinance and in this Section 2.

"2014 Refunding Series Ordinance" shall mean this ordinance, by which issuance of the Bonds is authorized.

"Interest Payment Date" shall mean, (a) with respect to the Series 2014A Bond, each June 1 and December 1, commencing December 1, 2014, until the principal of the Series 2014A Bond has been paid in full; and (b) with respect to the Series 2014B Bond, each April 1 and October 1, commencing October 1, 2014, until the principal of the Series 2014B Bond has been paid in full.

"Purchaser" shall mean Branch Banking & Trust Co., its successors or assigns.

Section 3. Authorization of Bonds, Maturities and Interest Rates.

Series 2014A Bond

(a) There is hereby authorized to be issued a Series of Bonds designated "Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2014A" (the "Series 2014 Bond") in the total principal amount of \$1,545,000 for the purpose of restructuring/refinancing the 2006 Lease Purchase.

(b) The Series 2014A Bond shall be issued as a single fully registered Bond in the denomination of \$1,545,000. The Series 2014A Bond shall bear interest at the rate of 2.05%. The Series 2014A Bond shall be numbered R-1. The Series 2014A Bond shall be dated as of its date of delivery and shall be payable as to interest on June 1 and December 1 of each year commencing December 1, 2014. Principal shall be payable on June 1 of each year as set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2015	\$205,000
2016	204,000
2017	214,000
2018	220,000
2019	231,000
2020	232,000
2021	239,000

(c) Principal of and interest on the Series 2014A Bond (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) shall be payable to the Holder thereof as of the immediately preceding Record Date by check or draft mailed to the Holder at his address as it appears on the Books of Registry maintained by the City.

(d) The Series 2014A Bond shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with any necessary or appropriate variations, omissions, and insertions as are incidental to the series, numbers,

denominations, maturities, interest rate or rates, redemption provisions, and other details thereof or as are otherwise permitted or required by law or by the Ordinance, including this 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance.

Series 2014B Bond

(a) There is hereby authorized to be issued a Series of Bonds designated "Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2014B" (the "Series 2014 Bond") in the total principal amount of \$4,648,000 for the purpose of restructuring/refinancing the 2009 Lease Purchase.

(b) The Series 2014B Bond shall be issued as a single fully registered Bond in the denomination of \$4,648,000. The Series 2014B Bond shall bear interest at the rate of 2.60%. The Series 2014B Bond shall be numbered R-1. The Series 2014B Bond shall be dated as of its date of delivery and shall be payable as to interest on April 1 and October 1 of each year commencing October 1, 2014. Principal shall be payable on April 1 of each year as set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2015	\$431,000	2020	\$465,000
2016	429,000	2021	474,000
2017	434,000	2022	488,000
2018	445,000	2023	507,000
2019	450,000	2024	525,000

(c) Principal of and interest on the Series 2014B Bond (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) shall be payable to the Holder thereof as of the immediately preceding Record Date by check or draft mailed to the Holder at his address as it appears on the Books of Registry maintained by the City.

(d) The Series 2014B Bond shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, with any necessary or appropriate variations, omissions, and insertions as are incidental to the series, numbers, denominations, maturities, interest rate or rates, redemption provisions, and other details thereof or as are otherwise permitted or required by law or by the Ordinance, including this 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance.

Section 4. Redemption Provisions. The Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity in whole on any payment date at a redemption premium of one percent during the first half of the term of the respective series of bonds and at par thereafter.

Section 5. Establishment of Funds. In accordance with Section 6.01(b) of the General Bond Ordinance, there has been hereby established the Series 2014 Debt Service Fund. A Debt Service Reserve Fund shall not be established for and of the Bonds. The Series 2014 Debt Service Fund shall be held in the complete control and custody of the City until such time as a Trustee is appointed in accordance with the provisions of the General Bond Ordinance.

Section 6. Certain Findings and Determinations. The City finds and determines:

(a) This 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance supplements the Ordinance, constitutes and is a "Series Ordinance" within the meaning of the quoted term as defined and used in the Ordinance, and is enacted under and pursuant to the Ordinance.

(b) The Bonds constitute and are a "Bond" within the meaning of the quoted word as defined and used in the Ordinance.

(c) The Hospitality Fee Revenues pledged under the Ordinance are not encumbered by any lien or charge thereon or pledge thereof.

(d) There does not exist an Event of Default, nor does there exist any condition which, after the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute an Event of Default under the Ordinance.

(e) The Bonds are being issued for the purposes described in Section 3 of this 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance.

Section 7. Continuing Disclosure. Pursuant to Section 11-1-85 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the City has covenanted to file with a central repository for availability in the secondary bond market, when requested, an annual independent audit, within 30 days of its receipt of the audit; and event specific information within 30 days of an event adversely affecting more than five percent of its revenue or tax base. The only remedy for failure by the City to comply with the covenant in this Section 7 shall be an action for specific performance of this covenant. The City specifically reserves the right to amend this covenant to reflect any change in or repeal of Section 11-1-85, without the consent of any Bondholder.

Section 8. Award of Bonds.

(a) The Bonds are authorized to be sold to the Purchaser.

(b) A copy of this 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance shall be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

(c) The Council hereby authorizes and directs all of the officers and employees of the City to carry out or cause to be carried out all obligations of the City under the Ordinance and to perform all other actions as they shall consider necessary or advisable in connection with the issuance, sale, and delivery of the Bonds.

Section 9. Tax Exemption of the Bonds.

(a) The City will comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the Bonds, including without limitation, the requirement to file an information report with the Internal Revenue Service and the requirement to comply with the provisions of Section 148(f) of the Code and Section 1.148-3 of the Treasury Regulations pertaining to the rebate of certain investment earnings on the proceeds of the Bonds to the United States Government.

(b) The City further represents and covenants that it will not take any action which will, or fail to take any action (including, without limitation, filing the required information report with the Internal Revenue Service) which failure will, cause interest on the Bonds to become included in the gross income of the Holder thereof for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder in effect on the date of original issuance of the Bonds. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the City represents and covenants that:

(i) All property provided by the net proceeds of the Bonds or the 2006 Lease Purchase and the 2009 Lease Purchase will be owned by the City in accordance with the rules governing the ownership of property for federal income tax purposes.

(ii) The City shall not permit any facility refinanced or financed with the proceeds of the Bonds or the 2006 Lease Purchase and the 2009 Lease Purchase to be used in any manner that would result in (i) ten percent or more of such proceeds being considered as having been used directly or indirectly in any trade or business carried on by any natural person or in any activity carried on by a person other than a natural person other than a governmental unit as provided in Section 141(b) of the Code, or (ii) five percent or more of such proceeds being considered as having been used directly or indirectly to make or finance loans to any person other than a governmental unit as provided in Section 141(c) of the Code.

(iii) The City is not a party to nor will it enter into any contracts with any person for the use or management of any facility financed or refinanced or financed with the proceeds of the Bonds that do not conform to the guidelines set forth in Revenue Procedure 97-13 of the Internal Revenue Service.

(iv) The City will not sell or lease any property refinanced or financed by the Bonds to any person unless it obtains the opinion of Bond Counsel that such lease or sale will not affect the tax exemption of the Bonds.

(v) The Bonds will not be federally guaranteed within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code. The City shall not enter into any leases or sales or service contracts with any federal government agency unless it obtains the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that such action will not affect the tax exemption of the Bonds.

(c) The Series 2014A Bond and the Series 2014B Bond are each "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) by virtue of the fact that they were each designated "qualified tax-exempt obligations" when initially issued.

Section 10. Interested Parties

Nothing in the General Bond Ordinance or this 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance, expressed or implied is intended or shall be construed to confer upon, or to give or grant to, any person or entity, other than the City and the Registered Holder of the Bonds, any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of the Ordinance or this 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance or any covenant, condition or stipulation hereof, and all covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements in the General Bond Ordinance and this 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance contained by and on behalf of the City shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the City and the Registered Holders of the Bonds.

Section 11. Additional Provisions. The General Bond Ordinance remains in full force and effect and shall govern the issuance of the Bonds.

Section 12. Additional Documents. The Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director and City Clerk are fully authorized and empowered to take any further action and to execute and deliver any closing documents as may be necessary and proper to effect the delivery of the Bonds in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinabove set forth, and the action of the officers or any one or more of them in executing and delivering any documents, in the form as he, she, or they shall approve, is hereby fully authorized.

Section 13. Section Headings. The headings and titles of the several sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation, or effect of this 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance.

Section 14. Notices.

(a) All notices, certificates, or other communications hereunder or under the Ordinance shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when mailed by registered mail, postage prepaid, or given when dispatched by telegram addressed as follows:

If to the City:

City of Florence
324 W. Evans Street
Florence, South Carolina 29501-3430
Attention: Finance Director

If to the Purchaser:

Senior Vice President/Governmental Finance
Branch Banking & Trust Co.
1201 Main Street, Suite 700
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

(b) The City and the Purchaser may, by written notice given to the other party, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notice, certificates, or other communications shall be sent.

Section 15. Required Publications and Public Hearing. Section 6-1-760 of the Local Hospitality Tax Act provides that bonds may be issued utilizing the procedures of South Carolina Code Sections 4-29-68 or 6-17-10 or 6-21-10 and pledge as security for such bonds the proceeds of the Hospitality Fee. As required at Section 4-29-68, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, which provision has been selected from those cited in the preceding sentence, a public hearing shall be held prior to adoption of this Ordinance. Notice of such public hearing shall in the form set forth in Exhibit D.

Section 16. Effective Date. This 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its enactment.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th day of June, 2014.

Mayor, City of Florence, South Carolina

Attest:

Clerk, City of Florence, South Carolina

First Reading: May 12, 2014
Second Reading: June 9, 2014

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF SERIES 2014A BOND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CITY OF FLORENCE
HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE REFUNDING BOND
SERIES 2014A

No. R-1

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Date Of Issue</u>
2.05%	June 1,2021	May __, 2014

REGISTERED HOLDER: Branch Banking & Trust Co.

PRINCIPAL SUM: One Million Five Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,545,000)

THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA acknowledges itself indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay, solely from the sources and as hereinafter provided, the Registered Holder, or its registered assigns, the principal amount of \$1,545,000 on the Final Maturity Date stated above, unless this bond (the "Series 2014A Bond") shall have been redeemed prior thereto as hereinafter provided, and to pay interest on such principal amount at the rate of 2.05% (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months), until the obligation of the City with respect to the payment of such principal amount shall be discharged.

This Series 2014A Bond shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity in whole on any payment date at a redemption premium of one percent during the first half of the term of the respective series of bonds and at par thereafter. This Series 2014A Bond is payable on June 1 of each year in the following principal amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2015	\$205,000
2016	204,000
2017	214,000
2018	220,000
2019	231,000
2020	232,000
2021	239,000

This Series 2014A Bond shall bear interest from ____, 2014. Interest on this Series 2014A Bond shall be payable on June 1 and December 1 (each, a "Bond Payment Date") of each year, commencing December 1, 2014, until this Series 2014A Bond is paid in full. The principal and interest so payable on a Bond Payment Date will be paid to the person in whose name this Series 2014A Bond is registered at the close of business on the 15th day of the month immediately preceding such Bond Payment Date (the "Record Date").

THIS SERIES 2014A BOND HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6, CHAPTER 17 AND SECTION 6-1-760 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "ENABLING STATUTE"), AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY WITHIN ANY STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS (OTHER THAN ARTICLE X, SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, AS AMENDED, AUTHORIZING OBLIGATIONS PAYABLE SOLELY FROM SPECIAL SOURCES PERMITTED THEREIN) OR STATUTORY LIMITATION AND SHALL NEVER CONSTITUTE NOR GIVE RISE TO A PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF THE CITY OR A CHARGE AGAINST ITS GENERAL CREDIT OR TAXING POWER. THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT, AND TAXING POWERS OF THE CITY ARE NOT PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THIS BOND.

This Series 2014A Bond and the interest hereon are exempt from all State, county, municipal, school district, and all other taxes or assessments of the State of South Carolina, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise, except estate, transfer or certain franchise taxes. This Series 2014A Bond shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Ordinance (as hereinafter defined) or become valid or obligatory for any purpose until it shall have been authenticated by the execution of the Certificate of Authentication which appears hereon by the manual signature of an authorized officer of the City as Bond Registrar.

This Series 2014A Bond is issued as a single fully registered bond (and may only be so issued) in the principal amount of \$1,545,000 pursuant to a General Bond Ordinance enacted by the City Council of the City on May 12, 2014, and a 2014 Refunding Series Ordinance enacted by the City Council of the City of even date therewith (collectively, the "Ordinance"), and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, including particularly Section 14, Paragraph 10 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended, and the Enabling Statute.

All principal, interest, or other amounts due hereunder shall be payable only to the Registered Holder hereof. The City is the Registrar for this Series 2014A Bond and as such will maintain the Books of Registry for the registration or transfer hereof. This Series 2014A Bond may not be transferred except by the Registered Holder hereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender hereof together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the City as Bond Registrar duly executed by the Registered Holder of this Series 2014A Bond or his duly authorized attorney. Any purported assignment in contravention of the foregoing requirements shall be, as to the City, absolutely null and void. The City shall not be required to register, transfer or exchange this Series 2014A Bond after the Record Date until the next succeeding Bond Payment Date.

The person in whose name this Series 2014A Bond shall be registered shall be deemed and regarded as the absolute owner hereof for all purposes, and payment of the principal of and interest on this Series 2014A Bond shall be made only to or upon the order of the Registered Holder or his legal representative. All payments made in this manner shall be valid and effective to satisfy and discharge the liability of the City upon this Series 2014A Bond to the extent of the sum or sums paid. No person other than the Registered Holder shall have any right to receive payments, pursue remedies, enforce obligations, or exercise or enjoy any other rights under this Series 2014A Bond against the City.

The principal of and interest on this Series 2014A Bond are payable solely from and secured by a lien upon the Hospitality Fee Revenues (as defined in the Ordinance). The pledge of and lien upon the Hospitality Fee Revenues given to secure this Series 2014A Bond has priority over all other pledges of Hospitality Fee Revenues and liens against the same, except such additional Bonds as may hereafter be issued pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Ordinance, which, when issued, shall be on a parity in all respects with this Series 2014A Bond.

No recourse shall be had for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Series 2014A Bond against the several funds of the City, except in the manner and to the extent provided in the Ordinance, nor shall the credit or taxing power of the City be deemed to be pledged to the payment of the Series 2014A Bond. The Series 2014A Bond shall not be a charge, lien, or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the City or upon any income, receipts, or revenues of the City, other than the Hospitality Fee Revenues that have been pledged to the payment thereof, and this Series 2014A Bond is payable solely from the Hospitality Fee Revenues pledged to the payment thereof and the City is not obligated to pay the same except from the Hospitality Fee Revenues.

Whenever the terms of this Series 2014A Bond require any action be taken on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday or bank holiday in the State of South Carolina or in any state where the corporate trust office of the trustee or custodian, if then appointed, is located, the action shall be taken on the first business day occurring thereafter.

The Ordinance contains provisions defining terms; sets forth the terms and conditions upon which the covenants, agreements, and other obligations of the City made therein may be discharged at or prior to the maturity of this Series 2014A Bond with provisions for the payment thereof in the manner set forth in the Ordinance; and sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Ordinance may be amended or modified with or without the consent of the Registered Holder of this Series 2014A Bond. Reference is hereby made to the Ordinance, to all the provisions of which any Registered Holder of this Series 2014 Bond by the acceptance hereof thereby assents.

This Series 2014A Bond is a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions, and things required by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina to exist, to happen, and to be performed precedent to or in the issuance of this Series 2014A Bond exist, have happened, and have been done and performed in regular and due time, form, and manner, and that the amount of this Series 2014A Bond does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, has caused this Series 2014A Bond to be signed in its name by the manual signature of the Mayor, and attested by the manual signature of the City Clerk, under the Seal of the City of Florence, South Carolina, impressed or reproduced hereon.

(SEAL)

Mayor, City of Florence, South Carolina

Attest:

Clerk, City of Florence, South Carolina

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is the Bond designated herein and issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Ordinance.

_____, Bond
Registrar

Authorized Officer

Date of Authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____ (Social Security No. or other Identifying Number of Assignee _____) the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed: _____

NOTICE: Signature must be guaranteed by an institution who is a participant in the Securities Transfer Agent Medallion Program ("STAMP") or similar program.

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

FORM OF SERIES 2014B BOND

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CITY OF FLORENCE
HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE BOND
SERIES 2014B

No. R-1

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Original Date Of Issue</u>
2.60%	April 1, 2024	May __, 2014

REGISTERED HOLDER: Branch Banking & Trust Co.

PRINCIPAL SUM: Four Million Six Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$4,648,000)

THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA acknowledges itself indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay, solely from the sources and as hereinafter provided, the Registered Holder, or its registered assigns, the principal amount of \$4,648,000 on the Final Maturity Date stated above, unless this bond (the "Series 2014B Bond") shall have been redeemed prior thereto as hereinafter provided, and to pay interest on such principal amount at the rate of 2.60% (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months), until the obligation of the City with respect to the payment of such principal amount shall be discharged.

This Series 2014B Bond shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity in whole on any payment date at a redemption premium of one percent during the first half of the term of the respective series of bonds and at par thereafter. This Series 2014B Bond is payable on April 1 of each year in the following principal amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2015	\$431,000	2020	\$465,000
2016	429,000	2021	474,000
2017	434,000	2022	488,000
2018	445,000	2023	507,000
2019	450,000	2024	525,000

This Series 2014B Bond shall bear interest from _____, 2014. Interest on this Series 2014B Bond shall be payable on April 1 and October 1 (each, a "Bond Payment Date") of each year, commencing October 1, 2014, until this Series 2014B Bond is paid in full. The principal and interest so payable on a Bond Payment Date will be paid to the person in whose name this Series 2014B Bond is registered at the close of business on the 15th day of the month immediately preceding such Bond Payment Date (the "Record Date").

THIS SERIES 2014B BOND HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6, CHAPTER 17 AND SECTION 6-1-760 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED (COLLECTIVELY, THE "ENABLING STATUTE"), AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY WITHIN ANY STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS (OTHER THAN ARTICLE X, SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, AS AMENDED, AUTHORIZING OBLIGATIONS PAYABLE SOLELY FROM SPECIAL SOURCES PERMITTED THEREIN) OR STATUTORY LIMITATION AND SHALL NEVER CONSTITUTE NOR GIVE RISE TO A PECUNIARY LIABILITY OF THE CITY OR A CHARGE AGAINST ITS GENERAL CREDIT OR TAXING POWER. THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT, AND TAXING POWERS OF THE CITY ARE NOT PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THIS BOND.

This Series 2014B Bond and the interest hereon are exempt from all State, county, municipal, school district, and all other taxes or assessments of the State of South Carolina, direct or indirect, general or special, whether imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise, except estate, transfer or certain franchise taxes. This Series 2014B Bond shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Ordinance (as hereinafter defined) or become valid or obligatory for any purpose until it shall have been authenticated by the execution of the Certificate of Authentication which appears hereon by the manual signature of an authorized officer of the City as Bond Registrar.

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the Ordinance, nor shall the credit or taxing power of the City be deemed to be pledged to the payment of the Series 2014B Bond. The Series 2014B Bond shall not be a charge, lien, or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the City or upon any income, receipts, or revenues of the City, other than the Hospitality Fee Revenues that have been pledged to the payment thereof, and this Series 2014B Bond is payable solely from the Hospitality Fee Revenues pledged to the payment thereof and the City is not obligated to pay the same except from the Hospitality Fee Revenues.

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This Series 2014B Bond is a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions, and things required by the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina to exist, to happen, and to be performed precedent to or in the issuance of this Series 2014B Bond exist, have happened, and have been done and performed in regular and due time, form, and manner, and that the amount of this Series 2014B Bond does not exceed any constitutional or statutory limitation thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, has caused this Series 2014B Bond to be signed in its name by the manual signature of the Mayor, and attested by the manual signature of the City Clerk, under the Seal of the City of Florence, South Carolina, impressed or reproduced hereon.

(SEAL)

Mayor, City of Florence, South Carolina

Attest:

Clerk, City of Florence, South Carolina

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is the Bond designated herein and issued under the provisions of the within-mentioned Ordinance.

_____, Bond
Registrar

Authorized Officer

Date of Authentication: _____

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto _____ (Social Security No. or other Identifying Number of Assignee _____) the within Bond and does hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint _____ to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated: _____

Signature Guaranteed: _____

NOTICE: Signature must be guaranteed by an institution who is a participant in the Securities Transfer Agent Medallion Program ("STAMP") or similar program.

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as it appears upon the face of the within Bond in every particular, without alteration or enlargement or any change whatever.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of City of Florence, South Carolina, at its meeting on the 9th day of June, 2014, at 1:00 o'clock p.m., in the City Council Chambers, 324 W. Evans Street, Florence, South Carolina, will conduct a public hearing 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."

At the time and place fixed for said public hearing, all residents or other interested persons who appear will be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the adoption of the Ordinance.

Clerk, City Council of the City of Florence

Date of Publication:

May 23, 2014

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF FLORENCE

I, the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Florence, South Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and verbatim copy of an Ordinance adopted by City Council, having been read at two duly called and regularly held meetings at which a quorum attended and remained present throughout each of May 12 and June 9, 2014.

The Ordinance is now of full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand this 9th day of June, 2014.

Clerk, City of Florence, South Carolina

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.

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Ordinance (continued)

- (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

Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget Ordinance (continued)

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

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex property located at 929 West Marion Street, Tax Map Number 90060-09-002, into the City of Florence and zone to R-4, Multi-Family Residential District. The request is being made by the property owners, Clifford and Debra Douglas.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

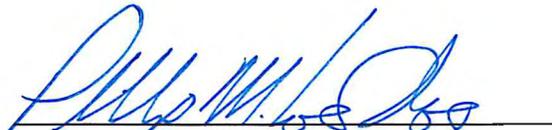
- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City sewer service is currently not available; the applicant is requesting that sewer be extended as part of their petition for annexation.
- (3) The applicant has provided a signed Sewer Extension Release Form.
- (4) City water service is currently available; there is no cost to extend the water line.
- (5) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the May 13, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.
- (6) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-4, Single-Family Residential District.
- (7) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-4, Multi-Family Residential District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

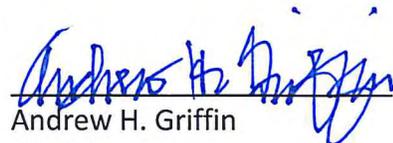
- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance and map showing the location of the property.



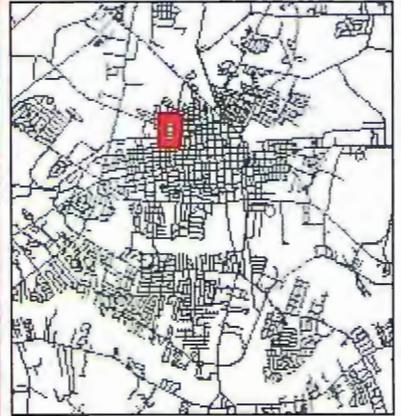
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Location Map

TMP 90060-09-002



Legend

- Road Segment
- Parcels
- Address
- City Limits

Water

- Main
- Standard Hydrant
- Post Hydrant

Sewer

- Manhole
- Pressurized Main
- Gravity Main



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ORDINANCE NO. 2014 _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY CLIFFORD AND DEBRA DOUGLAS, TMN 90060-09-002

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, an application by Clifford and Deborah Douglas, owner of TMN 90060-09-002 was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid property be incorporated in the city limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of **Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina** and adding the zoning district classification of R-4, Multi-Family Residential District:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90060, block 09, parcel 002 (0.23 acres).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the above described property will be also included in the annexation.

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

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 an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the Zoning Atlas to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex property located at Sam Harrell Road and North Irby Street, Tax Map Number 00175-01-006, into the City of Florence and zone to R-3, Single-Family Residential District. The request is being made by the property owner, Bryant Moses.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City water and sewer services are currently available; there is no cost to extend utility services.
- (3) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the May 13, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.
- (4) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-3, Single-Family Residential District.
- (5) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-3, Single-Family Residential District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance and map showing the location of the property.



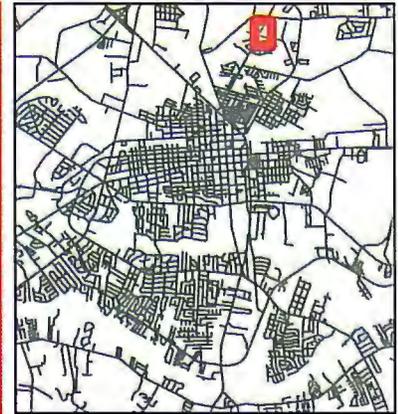
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Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Location Map

TMP 00175-01-006



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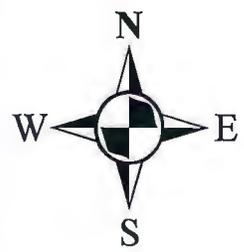
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ORDINANCE NO. 2014_____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY BRYANT MOSES, TMN 00175-01-006

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, an application by Bryant Moses, owner of TMN 00175-01-006 was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence **Zoning Atlas** that the aforesaid property be incorporated in the city limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of **Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina** and adding the zoning district classification of R-3, Single-Family Residential District:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00175, block 01, parcel 006. (2.29 acres).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the above described property will be also included in the annexation.

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

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 an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the **Zoning Atlas** to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official **Zoning Atlas**.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex property located at 1526 Sierra Range, Tax Map Number 90096-02-006, into the City of Florence and zone to R-3, Single-Family Residential District. The request is being made by the property owner, Theresa Williams.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City water and sewer services are currently available; there is no cost to extend utility services.
- (3) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the May 13, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.
- (4) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-3, Single-Family Residential District.
- (5) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-3, Single-Family Residential District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance and map showing the location of the property.



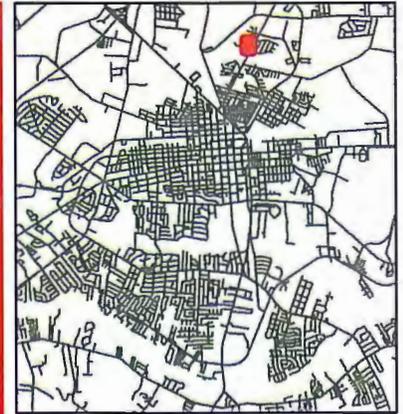
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Location Map

TMP 90096-02-006



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ORDINANCE NO. 2014 _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY THERESA WILLIAMS, TMN 90096-02-006

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, an application by Theresa Williams, owner of TMN 90096-02-006 was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid property be incorporated in the city limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of **Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina** and adding the zoning district classification of R-3, Single-Family Residential District:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90096, block 02, parcel 006. (0.25 acres).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the above described property will be also included in the annexation.

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

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 an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the Zoning Atlas to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex properties located at 2707 Trotter Road, Tax Map Number 00984-01-023, and 2695 Trotter Road, Tax Map Number 00984-01-019, into the City of Florence and zone to R-1, Single-Family Residential District. The request is being made by the property owners, Alan and Judith Feimster and Leslie Rutten, respectively.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City water and sewer services are currently available; there is no cost to extend utility services.
- (3) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the May 13, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.
- (4) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-1, Single-Family Residential District.
- (5) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-1, Single-Family Residential District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance and map showing the location of the property.


Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP

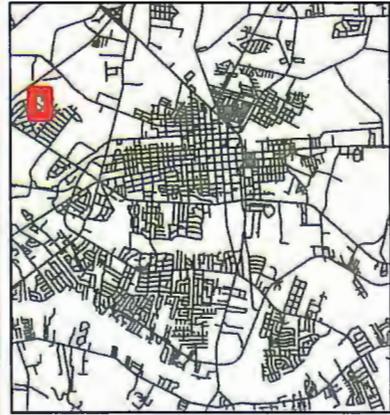
Planning, Research, & Development Director


Andrew H. Griffin

City Manager

Location Map

TMP 00984-01-023 and 00984-01-019



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ORDINANCE NO. 2014 _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY ALAN AND JUDITH FEIMSTER, TMN 00984-01-023, AND LESLIE RUTTEN, TMN 00984-01-019

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, applications by Alan and Judith Feimster, owners of TMN 00984-01-023, and Leslie Rutten, owner of TMN 00984-01-019, were presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid properties be incorporated in the city limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of **Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina** and adding the zoning district classification of R-1, Single-Family Residential District:

The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00984, block 01, parcel 023 (0.64 acres) and Florence County Tax Map 00984, block 01, parcel 019 (0.93 acres).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the above described property will be also included in the annexation.

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

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 an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the Zoning Atlas to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex property located at 2723 Alligator Road, Tax Map Number 00101-01-203, into the City of Florence and zone to R-3, Single-Family Residential District. The request is being made by the property owners, Herman James and Shirley Walker.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City sewer service is currently not available; the applicant was made aware of this and that the City would not provide sewer service until feasible (Petitioner's Sewer Extension Release Form attached).
- (3) City water service is currently available; there is no cost to extend water service.
- (4) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the May 13, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.
- (5) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 to recommend zoning the property R-3, Single-Family Residential District.
- (6) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-3, Single-Family Residential District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

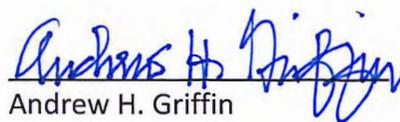
- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance and map showing the location of the property.
- (2) Petitioner's Sewer Extension Release Form



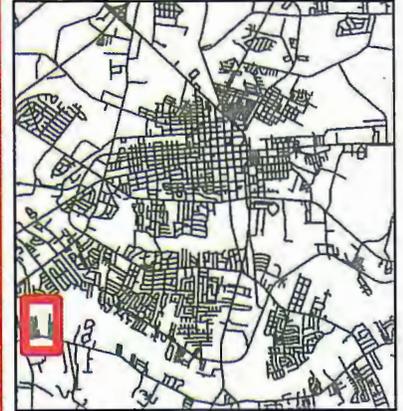
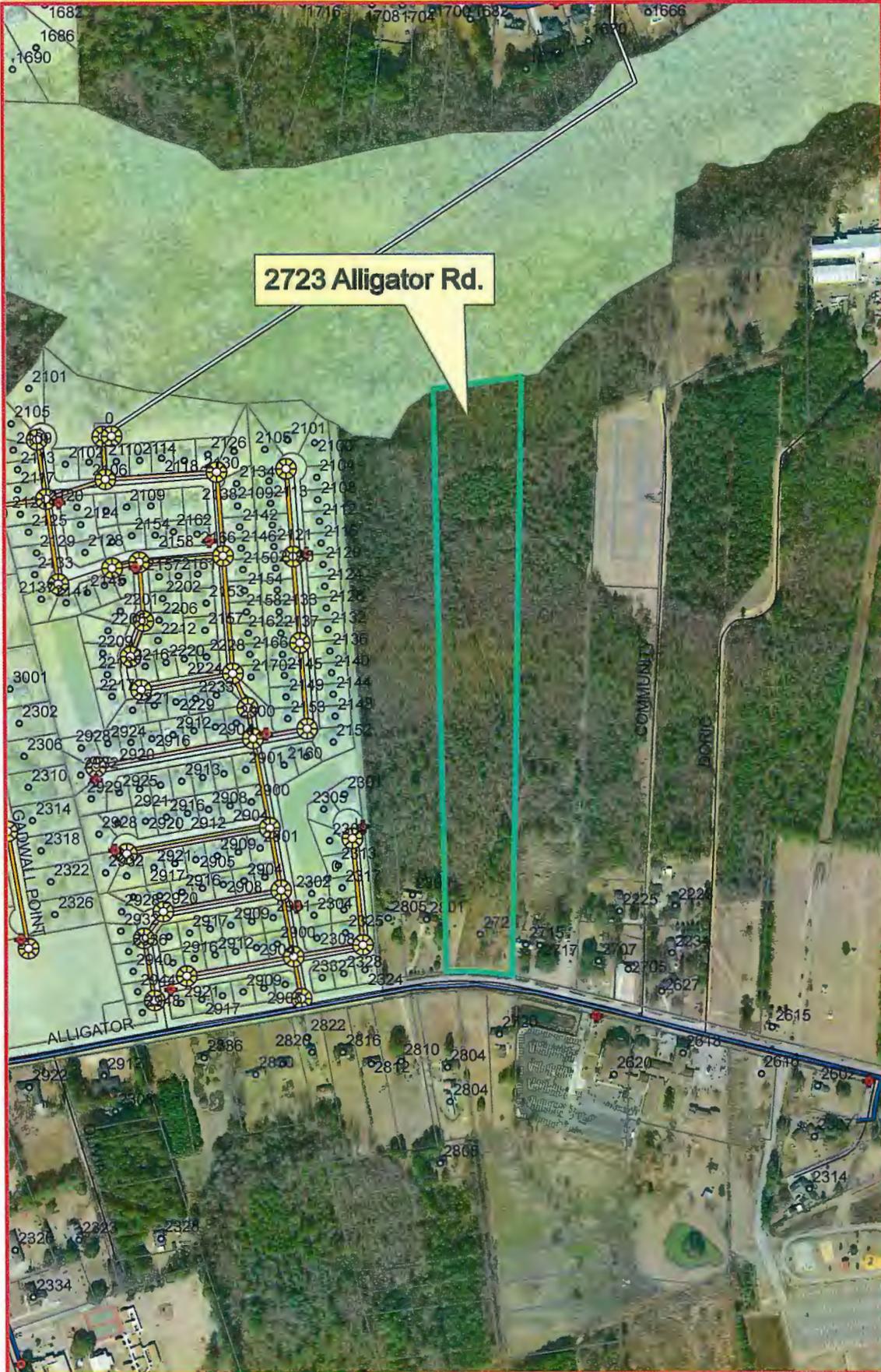
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Location Map

TMP 00101-01-203



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Petitioner's Sewer Extension Release Form

I, the undersigned petitioner, understand that sewer service is not available to the property at 2723 Allenton Road, Florence County Tax Map 101-01-203, and that the City of Florence will not provide sewer service to the property as a consequence of this annexation. I understand that I will be solely responsible for the provision, operation, and maintenance of a private system to serve any development on the property. I agree that the City will not be obligated to extend sewer service to this parcel at any time in the future.

Date 6-3-2014


Petitioner

Date _____

Petitioner

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY HERMAN JAMES AND SHIRLEY WALKER, TMN 00101-01-203

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, an application by Herman James and Shirley Walker, owner of TMN 00101-01-203 was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid property be incorporated in the city limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of **Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina** and adding the zoning district classification of R-3, Single-Family Residential District:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00101, block 01, parcel 203. (11.87 acres).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the above described property will be also included in the annexation.

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

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 an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the Zoning Atlas to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex properties located at 1261 Sumter Street, Tax Map Number 90044-04-018, and 1263 Sumter Street, Tax Map Number 90044-04-003, into the City of Florence and zone to R-3, Single-Family Residential District. The request is being made by the property owners, James and Fannie D. Timmons and Stacy McLeod, respectively.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City sewer service is currently not available; the applicant was made aware of this and that the City would not provide sewer service until feasible (Petitioner's Sewer Extension Release Form attached).
- (3) City water service is currently available; there is no cost to extend water service.
- (4) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the May 13, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.
- (5) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-3, Single-Family Residential District.
- (6) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-3, Single-Family Residential District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance and map showing the location of the property.
- (2) Petitioner's Sewer Extension Release Forms



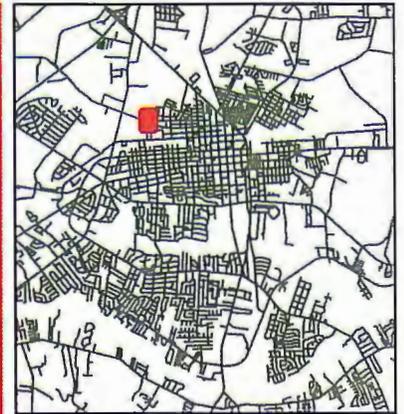
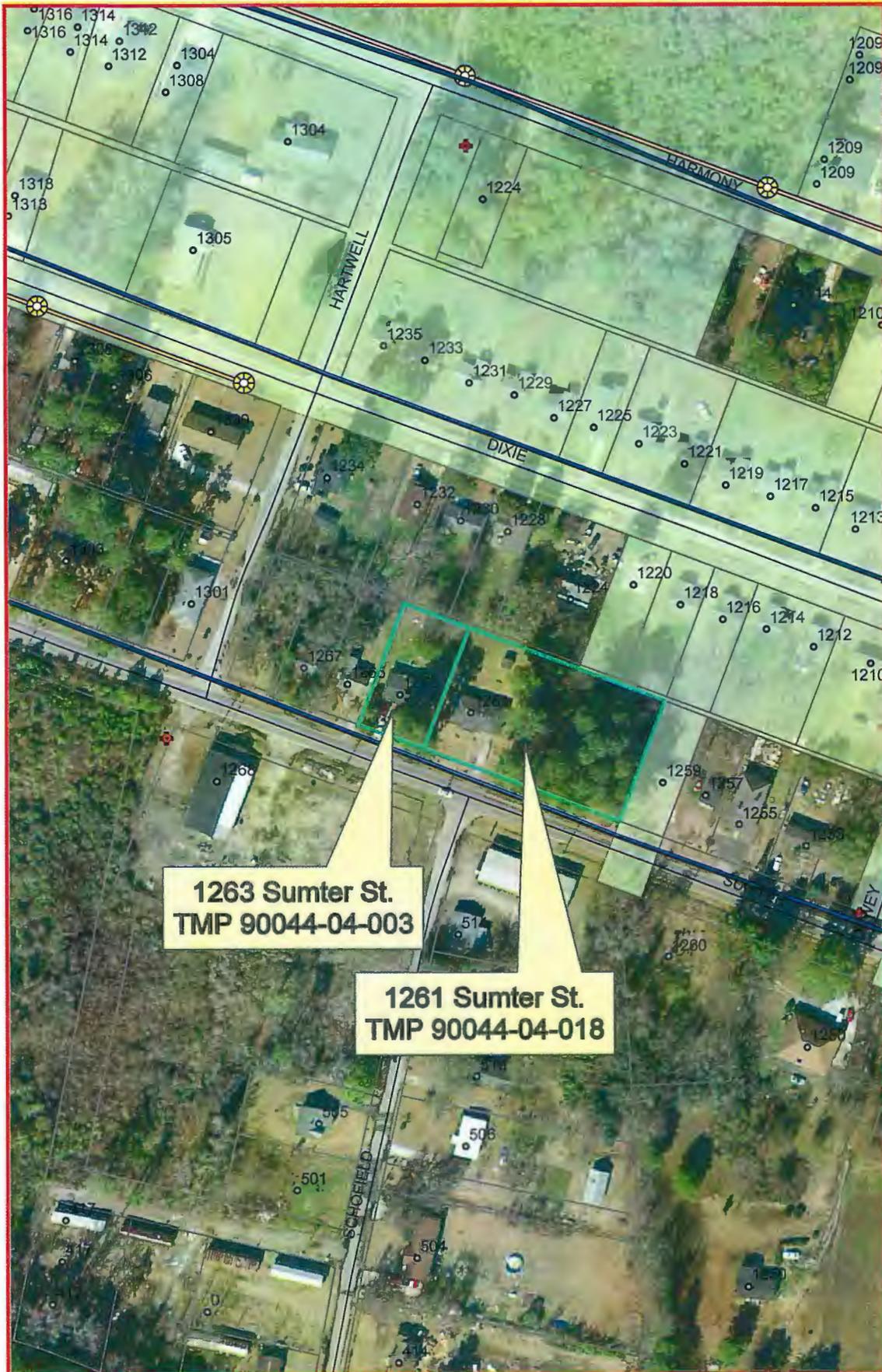
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Location Map

TMP 90044-04-003 and 90044-04-018



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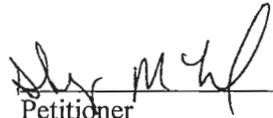


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Petitioner's Sewer Extension Release Form

I, the undersigned petitioner, understand that sewer service is not available to the property at 1268 Sumter St, Florence County Tax Map 90044-04-023, and that the City of Florence will not provide sewer service to the property as a consequence of this annexation. I understand that I will be solely responsible for the provision, operation, and maintenance of a private system to serve any development on the property. I agree that the City will not be obligated to extend sewer service to this parcel at any time in the future.

Date 6-3-2014



Petitioner

Date _____

Petitioner

Petitioner's Sewer Extension Release Form

I, the undersigned petitioner, understand that sewer service is not available to the property at 1261 Sumter St, Florence County Tax Map 90044-04-018, and that the City of Florence will not provide sewer service to the property as a consequence of this annexation. I understand that I will be solely responsible for the provision, operation, and maintenance of a private system to serve any development on the property. I agree that the City will not be obligated to extend sewer service to this parcel at any time in the future.

Date 6-2-2014

Dana Timmer
Petitioner

Date 6-2-2014

Annie D. Timmer
Petitioner

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY JAMES AND FANNIE D. TIMMONS, TMN 90044-04-018, AND STACY MCLEOD, TMN 90044-04-003

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, applications by James and Fannie D. Timmons, owners of TMN 90044-04-018, and Stacy McLeod, owner of TMN 90044-04-003, were presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid properties be incorporated in the city limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of **Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina** and adding the zoning district classification of R-3, Single-Family Residential District:

The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90044, block 04, parcel 018 (0.72 acres) and Florence County Tax Map 90044, block 04, parcel 003 (0.24 acres).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the above described property will be also included in the annexation.

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

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1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the Zoning Atlas to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official Zoning Atlas.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 9, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex property located on North Cashua Drive and Jennie O'Bryan Avenue, Tax Map Number 00122-01-338, into the City of Florence and zone to B-3, General Commercial District. The request is being made by the property owner, NewSpring Church, Inc.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) The entire parcel is being developed as the Florence location for NewSpring Church.
- (3) City water and sewer services are currently available; there is no cost to extend utility services.
- (4) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the May 13, 2014 Planning Commission meeting.
- (5) Planning Commission members voted 9-0 to recommend the zoning request of B-3, General Commercial District.
- (6) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property B-3, General Commercial District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance and map showing the location of the property.



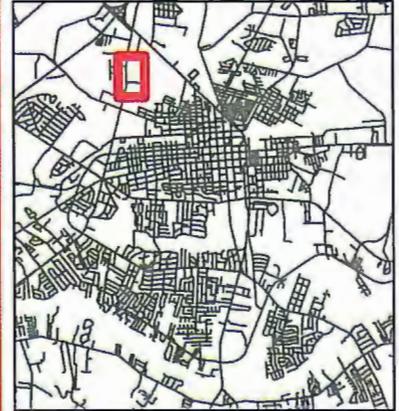
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Location Map

TMP 00122-01-338



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ORDINANCE NO. 2014_____

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY
NEWSRING CHURCH, INC., TMN 00122-01-338**

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on May 13, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, an application by NewSpring Church, Inc., owner of TMN 00122-01-338 was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid property be incorporated in the city limits of the City of Florence under the provisions of **Section 5-3-150(3) of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina** and adding the zoning district classification of B-3, General Commercial District:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00122, block 01, parcel 338. (14.87 acres).

Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the above described property will be also included in the annexation.

WHEREAS, Florence City Council concurs in the aforesaid application, findings and recommendations:

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 an Ordinance is hereby adopted annexing into the City Limits of the City of Florence the aforesaid property and amending the **Zoning Atlas** to the aforesaid zoning classifications.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official **Zoning Atlas**.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 4, 2014

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution No. 2014-010. A Resolution naming the breezeway on West Evans Street designated as Tax Parcel 90168-02-021 the Roy Adams Breezeway.

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Councilman Robinson

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A Resolution naming the breezeway on West Evans Street designated as Tax Parcel 90168-02-021 the Roy Adams Breezeway.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

(a) Councilman Robinson suggested that the City consider naming the City owned breezeway located in the downtown area on West Evans Street and designated in the Florence County tax records as Tax Parcel 90168-02-021 in honor of Roy Adams.

(b) In accordance with the City Policy on Building and Facility Naming the issue was referred to the City Planning Commission for recommendation regarding the proposed naming.

(c) The Planning Commission, at its duly noticed public meeting on March 11, 2014, addressed the issue, but Planning Commission has not made any recommendation on the naming of the breezeway.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

(a) Roy Adams was the first Downtown Development Manager for the City of Florence and served honorably in that capacity from 2002 until his untimely and sudden death in late 2005.

(b) During his tenure, Mr. Adams assisted the Florence Downtown Development Corporation with such important efforts as the Pecan Festival, the development of the initial downtown revitalization strategies, the micro-loan program, and the organization of and coordination with the downtown merchants group, all of which were significant contributions to the initiative to redevelop and re-energize the downtown area of Florence.

(c) It is appropriate to name the West Evans Street Breezeway the “Roy Adams Breezeway” in honor and recognition of the important contributions made by Roy Adams to the redevelopment of our downtown area.

IV. OPTIONS:

City Council may (1) adopt or defeat the Resolution based on information submitted; (2) amend the Resolution; or (3) defer action should additional information be needed.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

City staff stands ready to carry out the wishes of Council.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

(a) Proposed Resolution No. 2014-010.

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-010

A RESOLUTION NAMING THE BREEZEWAY ON WEST EVANS STREET DESIGNATED AS TAX PARCEL 90168-02-021 THE ROY ADAMS BREEZEWAY.

WHEREAS, a City Council Member suggested that the City consider naming the City owned breezeway located in the downtown area on West Evans Street and designated in the Florence County tax records as Tax Parcel 90168-02-021 in honor of Roy Adams;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City Policy on Building and Facility Naming the issue was referred to the City Planning Commission for recommendation regarding the proposed naming;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at its duly noticed public meeting on March 11, 2014, addressed the issue, but Planning Commission has not made any recommendation on the naming of the breezeway;

WHEREAS, Roy Adams was the first Downtown Development Manager for the City of Florence and served honorably in that capacity from 2002 until his untimely and sudden death in late 2005;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Adams assisted the Florence Downtown Development Corporation with such important efforts as the Pecan Festival, the development of the initial downtown revitalization strategies, the micro-loan program, and the organization of and coordination with the downtown merchants group, all of which were significant contributions to the initiative to redevelop and re-energize the downtown area of Florence; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Florence and its citizens to name the West Evans Street Breezeway the "Roy Adams Breezeway" in honor and recognition of the important contributions made by Roy Adams to the redevelopment of our downtown area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Florence that the breezeway owned by the City of Florence located on the property designated as Tax Parcel 90168-02-021 be, and the same is hereby, named the "Roy Adams Breezeway".

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this ____ day of June, 2014.

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne M. Rowan
Municipal Clerk