



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022 – 1:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 WEST EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor Pro Tempore George Jebaily, Councilwoman Lethonia Barnes, Councilman Chaquez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock and Councilman C. William Schofield.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilwoman Pat Gibson-Hye Moore

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Randall S. Osterman, City Manager; Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development; Mr. Kevin Yokim, Assistant City Manager of Administration/Finance; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Chief Shannon Tanner, Florence Fire Department; Mrs. Jennifer Krawiec, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Jerry Dudley, Director of Planning; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities; Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services; and Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works.

MEDIA PRESENT

Mr. Chris Day of the Florence Morning News was present for the meeting.

Notices of this regular meeting of City Council were provided to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda informing them of the date, location and time of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ervin called the October 10, 2022 regular meeting of Florence City Council to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

Mayor Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting. The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

**ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA:
APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL:**

Ms. Shonette Dargan-Richardson and Mr. John Cariati – Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault



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To speak to Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness.

By unanimous consent, this item was added to the October 10, 2022 meeting agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 12, 2022 regular meeting and Councilman Schofield seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

Ms. Martha Nance

Ms. Martha Nance appeared before Council to speak on problems in her neighborhood with yard waste collection. Ms. Nance spoke of the services she provided to the community over the many years she has resided in Florence. She said there has been issues with yard waste pickup over the past several years and currently, of the twenty-one homes in her neighborhood, five had substantial piles of yard waste waiting to be picked up for over a month. Ms. Nance requested that Council find resolution on this matter.

Mayor Teresa Myers Ervin

Mayor Ervin deferred an announcement of Mayor's Proclamation.

Ms. Shonette Dargan-Richardson and Mr. John Cariati – Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault

Ms. Shonette Dargan-Richardson and Mr. John Cariati appeared before Council to speak on domestic violence and sexual assault awareness. Mr. Cariati said October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and thanked Council for their support. Ms. Dargan-Richardson said this year is the first year in twenty-three years that South Carolina has not been in the top ten in domestic violence. While this indicates improvement, there is still a lot of work to be done. In 2019, thirty-six women and six men in South Carolina were victims of domestic violence homicide.

Councilman Braddock commended the Pee Dee Coalition for their efforts in keeping the community safe.

ORDINANCES IN POSITION

Bill No. 2022-23 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend the budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2022-23 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted 6-0 in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2022-23 was adopted on second reading.

Bill No. 2022-24 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend the budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.



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Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2022-24 on second reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Council voted 6-0 in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2022-24 was adopted on second reading.

Bill No. 2022-28 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone AC and OSR the parcels located at 2507 West Palmetto Street and identified as Florence County Tax Map Parcels 00100-01-147.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2022-28 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted 6-0 in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2022-28 was adopted on second reading.

Bill No. 2022-30 – Second Reading

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of the real estate known as Florence County Tax Map Parcel 90167-02-008, described more fully on Exhibit “A” to be attached to the Ordinance, said property to be utilized pursuant to the terms and conditions set out in the Conditional Grant and Development Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “B” and approved hereby.

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2022-30 on second reading and Councilman Schofield seconded the motion.

Council voted 6-0 in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2022-30 was adopted on second reading.

Bill No. 2022-31 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend Article I of Chapter 13 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances to update the code provisions regarding business licensing.

Councilman Braddock made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2022-31 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Pro tem Jebaily recused himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest. A copy of the recusal statement is attached and made part of the minutes.

Council voted 5-0 in favor of the motion, with Pro tem Jebaily having recused himself. Bill No. 2022-31 was adopted on second reading.

Bill No. 2022-33 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend Article I and II of Chapter 12 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances entitled “Municipal Utilities”.

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2022-33 on second reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Council voted 6-0 in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2022-33 was adopted on second reading.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Bill No. 2022-34 – First Reading



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An Ordinance to correct clerical errors made in the assignment of zoning designations during the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance by correcting the City of Florence Zoning atlas to reflect the correct zoning designations on affected parcels.

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Bill No. 2022-34 on first reading and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, reported this Ordinance is to correct clerical errors made in the assignment of zoning designations during the adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance that were recently discovered. These errors occurred mainly along the corridors of Alligator Road and Howe Springs Road and resulted in the application of the incorrect zoning designation for several of these parcels. Councilwoman Barnes asked if the affected parcels were residential or undeveloped. Mr. Moore replied most of the parcels are undeveloped. The owners of the parcels involved with the errors were contacted and they desire these corrections be made.

Council voted 6-0 in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2022-34 was passed on first reading.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2022-30

A Resolution to recognize the contributions of Grateful Dog.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-30 and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.

Councilman Braddock read the Resolution and presented it to Mr. Sam Rogers, founder of Grateful Dog.

Council voted 6-0 in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2022-30 was adopted.

Resolution No. 2022-31

A Resolution to reimburse the City from revenue bond proceeds.

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-31 and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Kevin Yokim, Assistant City Manager of Finance/Administration, reported the city has been working with engineers to look at major expansions in the water and wastewater utility systems. Following a meeting with the financial advisors, the city is currently contemplating issuing two bond issues to finance these planned expansions. Since the City is already incurring expenses for engineering services before the bonds are issued, IRS regulations require the adoption of a reimbursement resolution in order for the City to reimburse itself for these expenditures from bond proceeds.

Council voted 6-0 in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2022-31 was adopted.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager, presented the packet of appointments to Boards and Commissions to Council.



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Construction and Maintenance Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Mayor Ervin made a motion to appoint Benjamin Blanks. Without objection, Benjamin Blanks was appointed to the Construction and Maintenance Board of Adjustments and Appeals for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2023.

Parks and Beautification Commission

Being no applicants, Pro tem Jebaily deferred nominations for this Board.

Appropriation of Accommodations Tax funds for FY2022/23

Mr. Yokim reported by state law all hotels in South Carolina are required to collect a 2% accommodations tax.

Mr. Chad Patterson, Chair, presented on behalf of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and provided the recommendation of the Committee for distribution of Accommodations Tax funds for FY 2022-23. The Committee is tasked with the responsibility of recommending the expenditure of the 65% of the Accommodations Tax funds that are received by the state. This year, the funds are estimated to be \$800,000 and are available to be distributed for tourism promotion. Based on state laws and city guidelines, the Committee reviewed proposals from 20 organizations and events. The Committee was able to fund approximately 88% of the \$907,400 in requests and the Committee is confident that the allocations recommended are going to be fantastic to the community and will bring tourism to the area.

Councilman Schofield made a motion to approve the recommendation and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion.

Councilman Braddock made a motion to amend the motion to send the recommendation to the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee for review and Councilman McCall seconded the motion. Councilman McCall asked Mr. Yokim if referring the recommendations to the Finance Committee will hold up the distribution of funds. Mr. Yokim replied it would not cause an inordinate delay. The City is slated to receive the first quarterly check from the state before the end of October and the first quarterly payment to the awarded agencies typically occurs by the end of the month. Should Council defer and bring this back in November, it will delay the payments approximately three weeks.

Council voted 6-0 on the amended motion to send the recommendation to the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Development Committee, Chaired by Pro tem Jebaily

Pro tem Jebaily said the Committee received a presentation from Connie Anderson and Robert Norton with the Pee Dee Regional Airport at their September meeting. The airport will be receiving new signage and the airport has been upgraded to offer first class passengers with a new plane. The Airport Commission will come before Council at the December meeting to provide an update to the full Council. The Committee also received updates on current projects. Mr. Moore provided an update on the Third Penny story map, which is to be released in October. Mr. Moore said the story map will provide an estimated schedule and the locations of where the roadwork is occurring over the next several years.



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Residents will be able to access the story map on the City’s website. Pro tem Jebailly said the ten-year asset management study was also discussed and the possibility to reduce the study to four to five years.

Community Development Committee, Chaired by Councilwoman Barnes

Councilwoman Barnes said Mr. Jerry Dudley, Planning Director, and Ms. Retha Brown, Community Relations Manager, spoke at their last meeting to provide updates on the Community Development Corporation. An update was also received on the home demolitions and Phase I has been completed. Ms. Brown also gave an update on the “Yard of the Month” and “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” initiatives in the community to get residents involved. Councilwoman Barnes spoke of yard waste and asked what citizens should do if they have waste to be collected. Mr. Chuck Pope, Public Works Director, said residents can call the Public Works office with any issues. Yard waste piles that require the Cherry Picker should be called in so that they pile is placed on the list to be collected. Mr. Pope said yard waste pickup is currently running several weeks behind; however, parts were received and trucks have been repaired.

Marketing and Public Relations Committee, Chaired by Councilman Braddock

Councilman Braddock said the Committee received a presentation by Mr. Larry Smith at their September meeting regarding his publication. Discussion on annexation initiatives, a civic pride campaign and All-American City application continued.

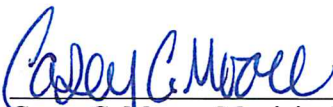
Finance, Audit and Budget Committee, Chaired by Councilman McCall

Councilman McCall said the Committee received information on the budget amendments adopted at today’s Council meeting. The Opioid Settlement was briefly discussed again and the ended the meeting discussing a potential economic development project.

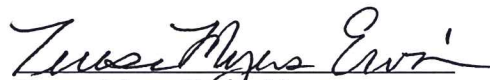
ADJOURN

Without objection, the October 10, 2022 Regular meeting of City Council was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Dated this 14th day of November 2022.



Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk



Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor

RECUSAL STATEMENT

Member Name: George Jebaily

Meeting Date: 16.10.2022

Agenda Item: Section _____ Bill No. Number: 2022-31

Topic: Business Licence ordinance amendment

The Ethics Act, SC Code §8-13-700, provides that no public official may knowingly use his office to obtain an economic interest for himself, a family member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated. No public official may make, participate in making, or influence a governmental decision in which he or any such person or business has an economic interest. Failure to recuse oneself from an issue in which there is or may be conflict of interest is the sole responsibility of the council member (1991 Op. Atty. Gen. No. 91-37.) A written statement describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the potential conflict of interest is required.

Justification to Recuse:

_____ Professionally employed by or under contract with principal

_____ Owns or has vested interest in principal or property

_____ Other: _____

Date: 10/10/22 _____
Member

Approved by Parliamentarian: _____