



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024 – 1:00 P.M.  
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
324 WEST EVANS STREET  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Lethonia Barnes, Mayor Pro Tempore George Jebaily, Councilman Chaquez T. McCall, Councilman Bryan A. Braddock, Councilwoman LaShonda NeSmith-Jackson and Councilman J. Lawrence Smith, II

**ALSO PRESENT**

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager; Mr. Ronald Scott, City Attorney; Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Chief Shannon Tanner, Florence Fire Department; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utility Planning and Economic Development; Mr. Jerry Dudley, Director of Planning; Mr. Adam Swindler, Director of Public Works; Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services; Mr. Joshua Whittington, Director of Utilities; Mrs. Victoria Nash, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism; Mr. Glenn Bodenheimer, Interim Finance Director and Ms. Patrice Rankin, Administrative Coordinator

**MEDIA PRESENT**

Mr. Seth Taylor with the Post and Courier and Ms. Shawnia Butler with WPDE News Channel 15 were 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.

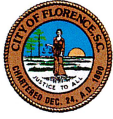
**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Barnes called the November 18, 2024 regular meeting of Florence City Council to order at 1:01pm.

Mayor Barnes acknowledged the passing of Retired Colonel Barringer Wingard, Jr. Colonel Wingard served as Chairman of the Veterans Park Committee and was instrumental in organizing the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Park. A moment of silence was held in memory of Colonel Wingard. Mayor Barnes also acknowledged his family who was present at the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Kelsey Goodson gave the invocation for the meeting. (Councilman McCall arrived at 1:07pm.) The pledge of allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation and was led by Rev. Dr. Calvin Robinson. Mayor Barnes said that the invocation for each meeting will be done by the faith-based community and the Pledge of Allegiance for each meeting will be led by community veterans.



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**ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA:**

**Bill No. 2024-24 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance to repeal Division 4 of Article 3, Chapter 2 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances entitled “Aesthetics Advisory Committee.”**

**Resolution No. 2024-42**

**A Resolution to reduce the Board of Commissioners of the Florence Housing Authority from seven Commissioners to five Commissioners pursuant to Section 31-3-340 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to add these items to the November 18, 2024 regular meeting and agenda and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion. The items were added to the agenda by unanimous vote (6-0).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt the minutes of the October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting and Councilman Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously (6-0) adopted.

**SERVICE RECOGNITIONS**

Mr. Glenn Bodenheimer, Interim Finance Director, presented Lynwood Givens with a certificate of recognition for 25 years of service with the City of Florence.

Mr. Allen Heidler, Police Chief, presented Terrance Ford with a certificate of recognition for 25 years of service with the Florence Police Department.

Chief Heidler presented Sheldon Shelley with a certificate of recognition for 15 years of service with the Florence Police Department.

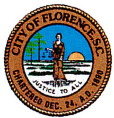
Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services presented Erica Thomas with a certificate of recognition for 10 years of service with the City of Florence.

**FALL 2024 CITY UNIVERSITY GRADUATION**

Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services and Mayor Barnes presented the Fall 2024 City University participants with their certificates of completion. City University was established in 2023 and is held in the spring and fall of each year. The Fall 2024 session was seven weeks and participants had the opportunity to learn about city operations and visit different city facilities.

**ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Mayor Barnes nominated Councilman Jebaily to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore and Councilman McCall seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously (6-0) for Councilman Jebaily to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman Jebaily was appointed to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore for the next two years.



**APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL**

**Barbara Martin Moses and Carla Lynch Eaddy**

Barbara Martin Moses and Carla Lynch Eaddy appeared before Council to speak on the removal of campaign signs by city staff. Mrs. Moses said that she previously ran for a school board seat and was informed by a neighbor that her campaign signs were being removed by city staff. She said that her signs were on a private lot and were also removed from a friend's yard as well. Mrs. Moses spoke of her frustration with her signs being removed, while other campaign signs were allowed to stay in place. She questioned why the signs were removed and asked where the signs were taken after they were removed. Mrs. Eaddy also said that she experienced her campaign signs being removed and shared the same frustration as to why only certain signs were being removed from private property and not all signs.

Several councilmembers shared a similar experience during their campaigns with the removal of their campaign signs as well that were placed in the right-of-way. Council said that all signs, including marketing, real estate, and more, are taken to the city's Public Works facility on McCurdy Road. Councilman Smith asked Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, to address the city's ordinance on signage.

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, said the city has staff that is assigned to remove signs that are in the public right-of-way. Mr. Davis explained that the public right-of-way can extend 5 feet to 20 feet or further from the edge of pavement. Utility poles and water meters are good guidelines to show where the right-of-way is located. City staff is empowered to remove signs or materials that are in the right-of-way, and they are taken to the Public Works facility. In previous years, city staff has meet with the chairpersons for the two major political parties to discuss and review the city's sign ordinance so that the political parties are aware of the ordinance.

**Key Ardrey**

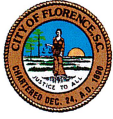
Mr. Key Ardrey appeared before Council to speak on a proposed demonstration building and development project of workforce housing. Mr. Ardrey said he represents a company, USA Alliance Hub, that connects with youth and community leaders to train and develop workforce housing and safe and secure communities. USA Alliance Hub works with support services to achieve affordable housing. They are currently working on a demonstration project that consist of four lots and would like to develop a partnership with the City of Florence to make this project a success. Mr. Ardrey thanked Council and city staff for their communication and assistance thus far.

**Elder James Williams, Pastor Calvin Quick, Blondie Gordon**

Elder James Williams, Pastor Calvin Quick, Blondie Gordon, and other representatives of the Meadow Prong Community appeared before Council to speak on water issues. Each representative shared their concerns and frustrations with the poor water quality of the well water in their community. The group expressed that the are experiencing low water pressure and excessive amounts of rust in the water. They shared that they have reached out to Florence County regarding their concerns, and they were directed to the City because the City maintains the water system.

Pro tem Jebaily asked for clarification if the group is referring to issues with well water. Elder Williams responded yes.

The group expressed their concerns with County residents having to pay higher water rates and tap fees. The city and county residents should have access to clean and quality water. The group shared that the



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wells are drying up in their community and they are inquiring on how the city and county can resolve their water issues.

Mayor Barnes asked Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, to address some of the concerns shared by the group. Mr. Davis shared that the water system is an enterprise system, which is based on user fees. When a municipality owns a water system, the fees generated pay for the water system, not taxes. In 1985, the City created a service area with the County, and, since then, the service area has increased. In 2002, the City purchased the County's water system, with the understanding that the city would run water in areas if it is economically feasible. When there is a request to extend a water line, an economic feasibility analysis is completed which must show that the service fees will pay back the cost of the service lines over a 20-year period. If the analysis shows that the cost will not be paid back over the 20-year period, the City can turn down the request or provide the information to Florence County and the County can choose to use their infrastructure money to run the service lines. The City meets with Florence County on a regular basis to discuss these requests. Mr. Davis said it is true that County residents pay more in rates and fees than City residents. This is due to the density in the City being much higher than in the County. The City has an ordinance that required city residents to tap on to water and sewer lines. When running a service line in the County, county residents have the option to tap in or not to tap in to the service line. When the City purchased the County's water system in 2002, it was determined that county residents would have higher costs than city residents. Mr. Davis said city engineers have looked at the Meadow Prong area and the cost to install service lines in the area is approximately \$260,000 for 8-10 residents. It would not be economically feasible due to only around \$28,000 going towards the initial cost over a 20-year period. This information was presented to Florence County on February 21, 2024.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked the group to reach out to their County Council representative to share their concerns so that they can advocate for them as well.

Councilman Smith said infrastructure funding can be obtained from Florence County and said the City-County Council Committee could discuss these issues at the next committee meeting.

**ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

**Bill No. 2024-16 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to abandon the unopened right-of-way between 913 and 1003 Chestnut Street, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 90063-01-011 and 90063-01-010.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2024-16 on second reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-16 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2024-17 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to rezone four parcels from PD to NC-6.3, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 90103-01-002, 90103-01-003, 90103-01-004, and 90103-01-005.**

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2024-17 on second reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-17 was adopted.



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**Bill No. 2024-18 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to annex and zone CG 551 and 597 West Lucas Street, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 90070-01-025 and 90070-01-028.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2024-18 on second reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-18 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2024-19 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to amend Article I of Chapter 8 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances to add provisions related to open burning and to amend Article I of Chapter 10 of said city code to add provisions relating to nuisance smoke and other matters related thereto.**

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2024-19 on second reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-19 was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Bill No. 2024-20 - First Reading**

**An Ordinance to amend the budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-20 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Glenn Bodenheimer, Interim Finance Director, said this is the city's annual budget carryforward amendment. These are not new appropriations to the budget but are expenditures and expenses that were previously budgeted in the FY 2023-2024 budget. Due to issues such as supply chain, bidding and re bidding of projects and general completion of construction times, the expenditures were not completed by June 20, 2024. These expenditures are rolling over into the current year budget for completion. The budget amendment was presented to the Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee and the committee has made a recommendation for approval.

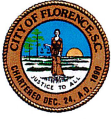
Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-20 was passed on first reading.

**Bill No. 2024-21 - First Reading**

**An Ordinance to amend the due dates in Section 20 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances to align with the city's Business License renewal dates.**

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-21 on first reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Glenn Bodenheimer, Interim Finance Director, said this ordinance will change due dates in the city's vehicle for hire ordinance, known as the taxicab ordinance. In 2020, Act No. 176 standardized the business license year for the state of South Carolina to begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> and end on April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. This ordinance will realign the due dates for proof of liability insurance, expiration of



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taxicab licenses and expiration of taxicab drivers permits that are due on June 30<sup>th</sup> of every year, to now have the same renewal date as the city's business license year.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-21 was passed on first reading.

**Bill No. 2024-22 - First Reading**

**An Ordinance to amend Article I Chapter 3 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances to add provisions related to prohibiting ownership or keeping of livestock and wild animals and other matters related thereto.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-22 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Allen Heidler, Police Chief, said the purpose of this ordinance is to ensure the safety and health of citizens of Florence by regulating the ownership of livestock, wild, unspayed or unneutered feral and dangerous animals within the City limits. Chief Heidler said if Council passes this ordinance on first reading, city staff will need to make a few changes to the ordinance. The ordinance does not address some of the conditions that allow for certain animals to be in certain settings, according to the Unified Development Ordinance. In residential zoning districts, animals are limited to chicken, ducks, rabbits, and similar animals and no more than one animal is permitted per 1,000 square feet of lot area.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked if the city would be enforcing regular fines and penalties for those in violation of this ordinance. Mr. Ron Scott, City Attorney, said standard penalties for violations of city ordinances will apply. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked if there was any way to add additional penalties and fees. Mr. Scott responded no. Standard penalties for ordinance violations will apply.

Pro tem Jebaily asked for clarification on whether the ordinance addresses large, dangerous or potentially invasive constrictive snakes, venomous and poisonous reptiles and serpents. Chief Heidler responded yes.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-22 was passed on first reading.

**Bill No. 2024-23 - First Reading**

**An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-15 2499 West Edgefield Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 01221-01 -140.**

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-23 on first reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

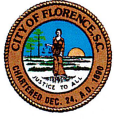
Mr. Jerry Dudley, Planning Director, said this property is located in the Windsor Forest subdivision. The lot is adjacent to property that is zoned NC-15 and has a single-family residence on it. All city water and sewer services are currently available to the property. Planning Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to recommend the zoning request.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-23 was passed on first reading.

**Bill No. 2024-24 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance to repeal Division 4 of Article 3, Chapter 2 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances entitled “Aesthetics Advisory Committee.”**

Action on this item was taken during the Business Development Committee report.



**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 2024-39**

**A Resolution to proclaim Friday, December 6, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Florence.**

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-39 and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2024-39 was passed.

**Resolution No. 2024-40**

**A Resolution to declare the Town of Spruce Pine as a Sister City to the City of Florence.**

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-40 and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2024-40 was passed.

**Resolution No. 2024-41**

**A Resolution of City Council approving Downtown Redevelopment Grants for Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2024.**

Mayor Barnes said this item may be discussed in Executive Session. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

**Resolution No. 2024-42**

**A Resolution to reduce the Board of Commissioners of the Florence Housing Authority from seven Commissioners to five Commissioners pursuant to Section 31-3-340 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.**

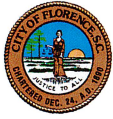
Action on this item was taken during the Business Development Committee report.

**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**Appropriation of Accommodations Tax funds for Fiscal Year 2024/25.**

Mr. Glenn Bodenheimer, Interim Finance Director, said the accommodation taxes are collected by hotels and lodging within the City of Florence. The purpose of collecting these taxes is to promote tourism and advertising to bring overnight guests to the City of Florence. The Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee is appointed to make recommendations on how the accommodation tax money is spent, with the goal being to fund the events that will bring in the most tourism for the city. The recommendations were previously presented to the Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee of City Council.

Mr. Tim Norwood, Chairman of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee, presented on behalf of the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and provided the recommendation of the Committee for distribution of Accommodations Tax funds for FY 2024-2025. The committee received proposals from 25 organizations, with funding requests totaling \$1.5 million. The committee was able to fund \$830,000 of the requests between the 25 organizations and is confident the allocations recommended are the most appropriate to increase tourism and investments in the community.



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Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to accept the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee's recommendation of the FY 2024-2025 distribution of Accommodations Tax funds and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

### **Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Mayor Barnes said this item may be discussed in Executive Session. Without objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, said he was asked to look at how the city handles resolutions. Mr. Davis said a resolution is an administrative act taken by Council to agree on city business and transactions. It may be used to express the Council's policy, direct administrative or legal action, or to make a public statement from Council. A proclamation is a ceremonial document, generally issued by the Mayor, that may be used to recognize certain events, causes, groups, or people. Proclamations are generally used to recognize and celebrate extraordinary achievements of city residents. Mr. Davis provided a summary on the number of resolutions adopted by Council per year since year 2000. Last year, 50 resolutions were adopted by Council and to date, 37 resolutions have been adopted. If Council wishes to reduce the number of resolutions, achievements and recognitions can be done as a proclamation.

### **MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Barnes commended staff for their work in organizing the "Stronger Together" community video. She concluded the Mayoral Report by showcasing the "Stronger Together" community video.

[Break from 2:43pm-2:48pm]

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Business Development Committee, Chaired by Pro tem Jebaily**

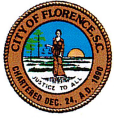
Pro tem Jebaily referenced the special called meeting the committee held prior to the Council meeting on this day and said the committee discussed proposed Bill No. 2024-24 and Resolution No. 2024-42 and voted to recommend both to City Council for approval. He asked Mr. Davis to discuss the letter received from the Housing Authority and the Resolution that will accompany it.

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager said he received a letter from the Housing Authority on November 5, 2024 requesting that Council revert the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners back to a five seat board instead of a seven seat board. In 2018, the previous Executive Director submitted a letter to then Mayor Wukela and asked that Council increase the board seats from five seats to seven seats.

Pro tem Jebaily asked for clarification that the Board was established in 1968 and the Board consisted of five seats until 2018. Mr. Davis responded yes.

Councilman Braddock introduced Resolution No. 2024-42 and Ordinance No. 2024-24.





**Resolution No. 2024-42**

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Councilman Braddock made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-42 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Councilman McCall said Dr. Bradley has expressed that the Board has had difficulty in maintaining seven board members and currently has two vacancies. He asked Mr. Davis if the Board has also been having issues with establishing quorum. Mr. Davis said that is his understanding.

Councilman Braddock said the Housing Authority did not specify or reference why the Housing Authority requested the two additional seats.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked if the quorum number would change with the Board reverting back to five seats and inquired on the Board's by laws. Mayor Barnes said Council can only accept or reject the request.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2024-42 was passed.

**Bill No. 2024-24 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance to repeal Division 4 of Article 3, Chapter 2 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances entitled “Aesthetics Advisory Committee.”**

Councilman Braddock said there was some overlap with the Aesthetics Advisory Committee with some other city boards and commission. Councilman Braddock made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-24 on first reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-24 was passed on first reading.

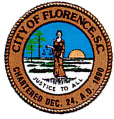
**Community Development Committee, Chaired by Councilwoman Barnes**

Councilwoman Barnes introduced Ms. Michele Morgan, Executive Director of Building Florence Together, to provide a report on Building Florence Together.

Ms. Morgan said the goal of Building Florence Together is to provide access to appropriate housing, revitalize neighborhoods, and empower residents and small businesses through education and workforce development partnerships. Building Florence Together purchased a 114-year-old home located at 320 South Gaillard Street and transformed it into a modern and energy efficient home. The home was under development for six months and went on the market on September 13, 2024. The organization received a full price offer for the home on September 16, 2024. The organization is continuing to work to build more affordable homes in the community.

Councilman Braddock congratulated Building Florence Together on the sale of their first home and asked for the price of the renovation and the listing price. Ms. Morgan said the renovation cost was \$130,000 and the listing price was \$219,000. The city provided \$20,000 down payment assistance and Building Florence Together was able to net \$73,000 from the sale of the home.

Councilman McCall thanked Ms. Morgan for her work with Building Florence Together.



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Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, briefly shared the city's partnership with Building Florence Together. The City of Florence provided \$80,000 for the renovation, in addition to the \$20,000 down payment assistance. Building Florence Together is working through the Community Services and Planning Departments to negotiate premium lots from the city.

Pro tem Jebaily spoke in favor of rebuilding new homes as well as the rehabilitation of historical homes in the community.

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Davis if there are plans to build additional homes in the area. Mr. Davis said yes, there are about 7-8 lots that the city is looking to build on.

### **Marketing and Public Relations Committee, Chaired by Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson**

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson said the Fall 2024 session of City University is complete. She shared her experience at the National League of Cities in Tampa, Florida, and also encouraged residents to sign up to receive notifications from "Cy."

### **Finance, Audit and Budget Committee, Chaired by Councilman McCall**

Councilman McCall said the committee reviewed the monthly financial reports for September 2024. The committee also reviewed the budget carryforward ordinance and the vehicle for hire ordinance. Lastly, the committee received an update on the opioid funding.

### **Appointments to Council Committees**

Councilman Braddock said that Council has to reappoint ad hoc committees after each election. Councilman Braddock made a motion to appoint Mayor Barnes as the chair of the Community Development Committee, Pro tem Jebaily as the chair of the Business Development Committee, and Councilman McCall as the chair of the Finance, Audit, and Budget Committee. Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson raised a point of information and asked for clarification on the appointments to council committees and said that she assumed that the appointments would take place after the Special Election. Mayor Barnes said ad hoc committees have an expiration date and they must be appointed after the General Election. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson questioned why the Marketing and Public Relations Committee was not included in the appointments to council committees. Councilman Braddock said that after launching "Cy", there was not a need for additional staff support for the Marketing and Public Relations Committee.

Councilman McCall asked if this recommendation came from the Business Development Committee. Mayor Barnes responded yes.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson expressed that she does not think only a few councilmembers should be making decisions that effect the entire Council.

Council voted (5-1) in favor of the motion, with Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson voting in opposition. The motion passed.

Mayor Barnes said that the Committee Chairpersons will appoint committee members at next month's Council meeting.



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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Barnes said Council will be entering into Executive Session for a discussion of matters related to an Economic Development Project, a discussion regarding appointments to Boards and Commissions, and for a personnel matter.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously (6-0) to enter into Executive Session at 3:28pm.

Council resumed open session at 4:13pm and took action on the following items:

**Resolution No. 2024-41**

**A Resolution of City Council approving Downtown Redevelopment Grants for Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2024.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-41 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2024-41 was passed.

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

Mr. Davis presented the packet of appointments to Boards and Commissions to Council.

Mr. Davis informed Mayor Barnes that there are five appointments assigned to the At-Large seat previously held by Mayor Barnes. Mayor Barnes made a motion to defer the appointments assigned to the vacant at-large seat until the Business Development Committee makes a recommendation to Council and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee**

Councilman McCall made a motion to reappoint Quentin Williams to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and the motion carried unanimously. Quentin Williams was reappointed to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2027.

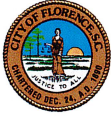
Mayor Barnes made a motion to reappoint Tim Norwood to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee and the motion carried unanimously. Tim Norwood was reappointed to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2027.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson deferred her nomination to the Board.

Councilman Smith deferred his nomination to the Board.

**Planning Commission**

Councilman Braddock made a motion to reappoint Mark Lawhon to Planning Commission and the motion carried unanimously. Mark Lawhon was reappointed to Planning Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2027.



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Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to reappoint Bryant Moses to Planning Commission and the motion carried unanimously. Bryant Moses was reappointed to Planning Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2027.

**Board of Zoning Appeals**

Councilman McCall made a motion to reappoint Nathaniel Poston to the Board of Zoning Appeals and the motion carried unanimously. Nathaniel Poston was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2027.

**Civic Center Commission**

Mayor Barnes deferred her nomination to the Board.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson deferred her nomination to the Board.

Councilman Smith deferred his nomination to the Board.

**Design Review Board**

Councilman Braddock made a motion to reappoint David Tedder to the Design Review Board and the motion carried unanimously. David Tedder was reappointed to the Design Review Board for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2028.

Pro tem Jebaily deferred his nomination to the Board.

Councilman McCall deferred his nomination to the Board.

**Construction & Maintenance Board of Adjustments and Appeals**

Mayor Barnes deferred all nominations to the Board.

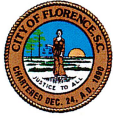
**Parks and Beautification Commission**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to appoint Vanessa Murray to the Parks and Beautification Commission and the motion carried unanimously. Vanessa Murray was appointed to the Parks and Beautification Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2029.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to reappoint Itisa Harley Williams to the Parks and Beautification Commission and the motion carried unanimously. Itisa Harley Williams was reappointed to the Parks and Beautification Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2029. Councilman Smith deferred his nomination to the Board.

Councilman Braddock made a motion to appoint Wesley Snow to the Parks and Beautification Commission and the motion carried unanimously. Wesley Snow was appointed to the Parks and Beautification Commission for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2028.

Councilman Smith deferred his nomination to the Board.



**FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
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**Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to appoint Mike Miller to the Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority and the motion carried unanimously. Mike Miller was appointed to the Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2027.

**Veterans Park Committee**

Councilman McCall deferred his nomination to the Board.

Mayor Barnes deferred her nomination to the Board.

Councilman Braddock made a recommendation to hold Barry Wingard's expired seat posthumously. Council agreed unanimously (6-0) to defer an appointment to Barry Wingard's expired seat.

**Resilience & Sustainability Advisory Committee**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to reappoint Mindy Taylor to the Resilience & Sustainability Advisory Committee and the motion carried unanimously. Mindy Taylor was reappointed to the Resilience & Sustainability Advisory Committee for a term to begin immediately and expire on June 30, 2027.

**Public Safety Citizen's Review Board**

Councilman McCall deferred his nomination to the Board.

Mayor Barnes deferred her nomination to the Board.

Councilman McCall raised a point of information and asked if applicants for this board must complete a physical training. Mr. Davis responded yes.

**Personnel Matter**

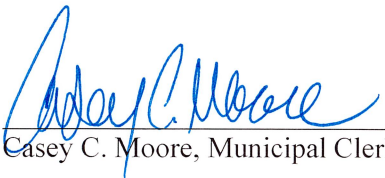
Councilman McCall made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to enter into negotiations to present a contract with Council's approval to appoint Scotty Davis as permanent City Manager and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

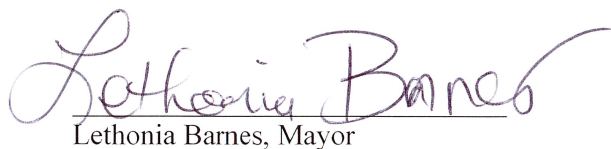
Council voted unanimously (6-0) in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the November 18, 2024 Regular meeting of City Council was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

  
Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk

  
Lethonia Barnes, Mayor