



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 – 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, Councilwoman LaShonda NeSmith-Jackson and Councilman J. Lawrence Smith, II

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager; Mr. Benjamin T. Zeigler, 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. Joshua Whittington, Director of Utilities; Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services; Mrs. Jennifer Krawiec, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Adam Swindler, Director of Public Works; and Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer

MEDIA PRESENT

Mr. Naeem McFadden with the Florence Morning News, 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

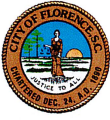
Mayor Ervin called the May 13, 2024 regular meeting of Florence City Council to order at 1:00 p.m.

INVOCATION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 8, 2024 Regular Meeting and the April 16, 2024 Special Meeting and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously (7-0) adopted.



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ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA:

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL – Greg Hendrick

Councilman Braddock made a motion to add this item to the May 13, 2024 regular meeting agenda and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion. This item was added to the agenda by unanimous vote (7-0).

SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer, presented Sandra Hanner with a certificate of recognition for 20 years of service with the City of Florence.

EDUCATIONAL RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Joshua Whittington, Director of Utilities, recognized Dominique Henry for passing the “C” Water Operator Certification exam.

SPRING 2024 CITY UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services and Mayor Ervin presented the Spring 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. Each session lasts six weeks and is held once a week. Participants have the opportunity to learn about city operations and visit different city facilities.

APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

Ranada Samuel, Vice President- Ron James Youth Tennis Program

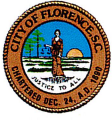
Ms. Ranada Samuel appeared before Council to speak on ways to use recreational tennis to promote community engagement and civic participation. The tennis community would like to partner with the city to promote tennis in the City of Florence. Tennis offers numerous physical and mental health benefits, but also offers economic benefits.

Mr. Paul Pittman and Mr. Ernie James, both of the Florence Tennis Association, also spoke in support of tennis. Mr. Pittman thanked Mayor Ervin for signing a proclamation for National Tennis Month and thanked Council for supporting the tennis community in the City of Florence.

Mr. James also thanked Council for supporting the tennis community. He invited Council to join the Florence Tennis Association on Saturday, June 1, 2024 for lunch at 11:30am as they host The 40 and Older Adult State League Tournament. A Red Ball tennis demonstration will be available at the May 31, 2024 Florence After 5 event.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson thanked Ms. Samuel, Mr. Pittman, and Mr. James for keeping Council informed on tennis events in the community.

Councilman Smith congratulated the group on the National Tennis Month proclamation and for receiving a grant to establish tennis in the Levy Park area.



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Mr. Pittman provided upcoming events for the Ron James Youth Tennis Program. Mayor Ervin suggested the Ron James Youth Tennis Program look at ways to provide transportation to the youth who do not have access to tennis courts in the community.

Mr. James informed Council that the Florence Tennis Association will host an event at Levy Park for the Hispanic community on Sunday, May 26, 2024.

Greg Hendrick

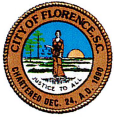
Mr. Greg Hendrick appeared before Council to speak on recent gunshots near the Sports Complex. Mr. Hendrick coaches his son's little league baseball team and expressed his gratitude for the Sports Complex facility. The Sports Complex backs up to a residential area and there have been four different incidents this baseball season where gunshots were fired in the area. In the latest incident, 15-20 shots were fired and the players were told to lay down on the field. Many parents have expressed their discontent with the incidents and have made statements that their kids will not return for the season next year. The city has invested a lot of money in the Sports Complex and these incidents should not put a stain on this facility. Concerns have been shared with Council, Sheriff TJ Joye, and Chief Allen Heidler. The residential area behind the Sports Complex is a mix of city and county residents. Community members are willing to work with the city and local law enforcement to utilize resources that will help put a stop to these incidents. Mr. Hendrick suggested that a buffer be added between the sports complex and residential area to assist with crime, noise control and beautification.

Mayor Ervin asked Chief Heidler and Sheriff Joye to elaborate on how the Florence Police Department and Florence County Sheriff's Office work together. Chief Heidler thanked Mr. Hendrick for bringing this issue to city staff and Council. The Florence Police Department and Florence County Sheriff's Office currently has a Violent Crime Task Force and officers with both organizations will be working together on this incident as well. Police officers and sheriff deputies will be present at events held at the Sports Complex. Crime in this area has come down significantly but it is still present. Officers responded to the latest incident and charges were made on a 15-year-old on probation who was shooting in the street.

Sheriff Joye said the Florence Police Department and Florence County Sheriff's Office are working together. The City of Florence is in Florence County and Sheriff Joye expressed his care for the community. Residents were encouraged to contact him if they need to report any crime related incidents. The Street Crime Unit and Criminal Enforcement Unit will be present in the area as well. Law enforcement can't promise that there will not be any shootings, but they will be there to address the shootings when they occur.

Pro tem Jebaily thanked Mr. Hendrick for bringing this situation to Council and local law enforcement. He commended Chief Heidler and Sheriff Joye for the work they have been doing in the community. Pro tem Jebaily asked Chief Heidler if the flock cameras would be beneficial in resolving shooting incidents.

Chief Heidler said that the flock cameras are tag reading cameras, and the police department is continuously receiving hits off the cameras. He shared an incident where a stolen vehicle from another jurisdiction was flagged by the camera and officers were able to stop the vehicle. If the camera had not flagged the vehicle, the occupants of the vehicle could have committed further crimes in the area. The cameras have alerted officers to vehicles with stolen tags, fugitives, wanted persons, et cetera.



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Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson thanked Mr. Hendrick for coming before Council and shared that she received a call regarding the incident at the Sports Complex. She expressed the need to keep children safe and commended Chief Heidler and Sheriff Joye for their work in the community.

Councilwoman Barnes and Councilman McCall thanked Mr. Hendrick, Chief Heidler and Sheriff Joye for their work in the community.

Councilman McCall asked if the plan is to have officers present for all practices and games. Sheriff Joye said six units are already assigned to the streets in the residential area. A game schedule has been sent to Sheriff Joye's office but no schedule for practices. Prior to next year's baseball season, law enforcement will work out a plan to have officers in place for all practices and games. Councilman McCall asked if officers would be patrolling both the residential area and Sports Complex. Chief Heidler and Sheriff Joye said officers will patrol both locations but will primarily patrol the residential area. Councilman McCall applauded their efforts and said it's a priority to make sure we have the necessary resources to make sure the kids in the community are safe.

Councilman Smith thanked Mr. Hendrick, Chief Heidler and Sheriff Joye for coming before Council with solutions and for putting forth the effort to keep the kids in the community safe.

Mayor Ervin thanked Mr. Hendrick, Chief Heidler and Sheriff Joye for coming before Council and spoke of the partnerships to help combat crime in the city. When something happens in Florence, everyone should be concerned. Gun violence has been prevalent in the community for years and this incident shows how important it is for everyone to work together to make sure the citizens of Florence are safe.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held to receive input on the City of Florence Fiscal Year budget 2024-2025.

Mayor Ervin opened the public hearing at 2:00pm.

Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer, 2024-2025 reviewed the city's budget for fiscal year 2024-2025. There is no proposed increase for millage rates. Millage rates will remain at 64.1 mills for operations and 4 mills for debt service, for a total of 68.1 mills. The proposed budget amount for FY 2024-2025 is \$131,760,000.

There being no one signed up to speak, the public hearing was closed at 2:03pm.

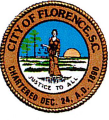
ORDINANCES IN POSITION

Bill No. 2024-08 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to rezone a portion of 186 Dunbarton Drive from CG to IL, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00099-01-020.

Councilman McCall made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2024-08 on second reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-08 was adopted.



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Bill No. 2024-09- Second Reading

An Ordinance to annex and zone NC-6.1 four lots along Rosemount Drive, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 00152-01-146, 00152-01-147, 00152-01-148, and 00152-01-149.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2024-09 on second reading and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-09 was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Bill No. 2024-10 – 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, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2024-10 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 recommended budget to Council. The City of Florence has the third lowest millage rate in the state at 68.1 mills. Factoring in the local option sales tax credit will put the effective millage at 24 mills. The City of Florence has the second to lowest effective millage, with the City of Easley being the lowest. The general fund's total revenues and expenditures of \$51,417,500 was highlighted as well.

Pro tem Jebaily asked Scotty Davis, City Manager, to speak on the departmental requests that were removed to balance the budget. Mr. Davis said \$8.4 million in general fund requests and \$2 million in utilities fund requests, a total of \$10.4 million worth of departmental requests, were removed to balance the budget. Pro tem Jebaily said this ordinance states to raise revenue and asked Mr. Davis to clarify if there will be any new tax rates for next year. Mr. Davis said there will be no new tax rates and that raising revenue simply means to adopt the current millage rate.

Councilman McCall, Councilwoman Barnes, and Mayor Ervin congratulated Mr. Davis on presenting his first budget as City Manager and commended city staff for their work on the budget.

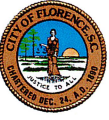
Mr. Davis recognized city staff for their hard work and thanked staff for the team effort to present a balanced budget.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson said public safety is the top priority and the city is still on track with growing Florence.

Mr. Davis concurred with Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson on public safety being a priority and highlighted funding for police and fire services in the budget.

Pro tem Jebaily asked Mr. Davis to briefly discuss what benefits are in the budget for city employees.

Mr. Davis said the city cannot function without its employees and that city staff are the backbone of the city. The budget includes a 4% cost of living increase and 2% merit increase for city employees and also reclassify the minimum pay for several full-time positions to the Florence County living wage of \$15 per hour.



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Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2024-10 was passed on first reading.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2024-16

A Resolution to proclaim April 2024 as Organ Donation Awareness Month in the City of Florence.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-16 and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mayor Ervin presented Mrs. Peggy Hawkins with the Resolution.

Mrs. Hawkins thanked Council for recognizing April as Organ Donation Awareness Month. Her middle son was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis and received a double lung transplant in 2016. He was able to live 3.5 years after receiving his organ donation.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-16. Resolution No. 2024-16 was passed.

Resolution No. 2024-17

A Resolution to proclaim May 2024 as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month in the City of Florence.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-17 and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mayor Ervin presented Peggy Hawkins with the Resolution.

Mrs. Hawkins thanked Council for recognizing May as Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-17. Resolution No. 2024-17 was passed.

Resolution No. 2024-19

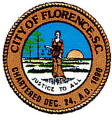
A Resolution to amend the City of Florence CDBG budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-19 and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Jerry Dudley, Planning Director, reported Council originally adopted the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget on May 8, 2023. \$25,000 was originally allocated to No One Unsheltered but they have been unable to perform the services in their contract for this fiscal year, resulting in \$25,000 needing to be reallocated. A public meeting was held on April 17, 2024 where community input was received. Staff recommends the \$25,000 be reallocated to emergency rehab projects.

Councilman McCall made a motion to amend the Resolution and reallocate the \$25,000 to the Florence County Senior Citizens Association and Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion.

Councilman McCall stated the Florence County Senior Citizens Association originally requested \$52,000 out of the Community Services budget. However, over \$800,000 worth of requests were received and the



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city was unable to meet the need. There are over 190 homebound seniors in the area and funding would be beneficial to the “Meals on Wheels” program to service these seniors.

Mr. Scotty Davis, City Manager, said CDBG funding is federal funding and the city would require that the funding is expended in the City of Florence to service lower income citizens through the “Meals on Wheels” program, particularly in the CDBG targeted areas.

Mayor Ervin asked Mr. Davis to clarify that the “Meals on Wheels” program would have to present documentation to receive the funding from the City of Florence. Mr. Davis replied yes, and that it would be a reimbursement.

Mayor Ervin said there are specific guidelines that must be followed since CDBG funding is federal funding and does not come from the city.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked Mr. Davis if “Meals on Wheels” would have to show the amount of people that were serviced before receiving reimbursement from the city. Mr. Davis replied yes.

Mayor Ervin said the City of Florence is a part of Florence County and the “Meals on Wheels” program services all of Florence County. The funding must be utilized in the CDBG targeted areas, and even if the program does not utilize all of the funding, the remaining funds will remain with the city.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion to amend.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-19, as amended. Resolution No. 2024-19 was passed, as amended.

Resolution No. 2024-20

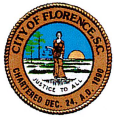
A Resolution certifying buildings as an abandoned building sites pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act, Section 12-67-100. of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, regarding the property located at 189 Warley Street, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90074-03-012.

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-20 and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, said this is a request for the City of Florence to certify the building located at 189 Warley Street as an abandoned building. In order for a building to be certified, at least 66% of the building must be abandoned for a minimum of 5 years. Based upon research and the applicant’s information, city staff were able to certify the building. The building is located on the corner of Warley Street and Cheves Street. In order for the developer to take advantage of the state tax incentive, they must receive the certification of the abandoned building through the city. The developer can then move forward with the state to receive the tax credit and funding.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked for clarification on the correct address of the building. Mr. Moore said the correct address is 189 Warley Street and the address is incorrect in the packet. Staff will correct the address in the resolution.

Pro tem Jebaily said this is a state administered program and asked Mr. Moore if approval still has to come from the local municipality. Mr. Moore replied yes, and that the developer will submit the certification to the state. Pro tem Jebaily asked Mr. Moore if the developer will rehab this property and



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Mr. Moore replied yes. The state does allow for properties to be demolished as well, but the developer will rehab this property.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-20. Resolution No. 2024-20 was passed.

Resolution No. 2024-21

A Resolution for the Municipal State Highway Project Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-21 and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Moore reported a number of years ago the state passed an act to permit reimbursement to different utilities, based on the size of a municipality. The City of Florence is a larger municipality so a smaller percentage is received. This resolution gives South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) the city's consent to the construction for improvements to Holly Circle from Second Loop Road to US-76 and requires the City of Florence to relocate its water and sewer infrastructure. The city will receive reimbursement from SCDOT.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-21. Resolution No. 2024-21 was passed.

Resolution No. 2024-22

A Resolution authorizing and approving the acceptance of loan assistance monies from the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority and other matters related thereto.

Councilman Smith made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-22 and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utility Planning and Economic Development said this resolution is in response to the \$500,000 grant received from the state from the revolving fund. Documentation was recently received for the resolution to receive reimbursement from the PFAS study at the Surface Water facility.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson asked Mr. Hemingway how long the agreement will last.

Mr. Hemingway said the study has already started and will be completed by December 2024. The final report will be available the first part of next year. The state is giving the city the grant to cover the entire expense of the study.

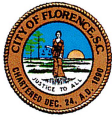
Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-22. Resolution No. 2024-22 was passed.

Resolution No. 2024-23

A Resolution to declare May 5-11, 2024, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week in the City of Florence.

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-23 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mayor Ervin presented Mrs. Casey Moore, Municipal Clerk, with the Resolution.



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Mrs. Moore thanked Council for the recognition.

Mayor Ervin acknowledged Mrs. Moore's service and thanked Mrs. Moore for all she does for Council.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-23. Resolution No. 2024-23 was passed.

Resolution No. 2024-24

A Resolution of City Council approving Downtown Redevelopment Grants for Fourth Quarter, FY24. (Note: This item may be discussed in Executive Session.)

Mayor Ervin said this item may be discussed in Executive Session. There being no objections, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

Resolution No. 2024-25

A Resolution approving an amendment to the Conditional Grant and Development Agreement dated May 31, 2020 between the City of Florence and Styx Florence Land, LLC.

(Note: Staff has requested that this item be deferred.)

Mayor Ervin said this item will be deferred.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

Parks and Beautification Commission

Pro tem Jebaily deferred his nomination to the Board.

Mr. Davis took the opportunity to announce that, effective July 1, 2024, Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism will be a new department with the adoption of the budget.

A report on the Auditing Services Contract for the City of Florence

Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer, reported that the 5-year contract with Burch, Oxner and Seale expired with the last audit. Due to certain business changes, Burch, Oxner, and Seale will not bid on a new contract. City staff is requesting that a 1-year contract be assigned to Mauldin & Jenkins CPA Firm. A bid will be sent out in January for an additional 5-year contract for interested CPA firms.

Councilman McCall made a motion to grant Mauldin & Jenkins CPA Firm a 1-year auditing contract and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) to grant a 1-year auditing contract to Mauldin & Jenkins CPA Firm.

MAYORAL REPORT

Mayor Ervin recognized this past week was Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurses Appreciation Week. The Mayor's Youth Initiative, in partnership with Samaritan's Feet and Duke Energy, will host a shoe



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distribution at North Vista Elementary School on May 16th for 1st-3rd graders. The 2nd Annual Pee Dee Youth Day Initiative is scheduled for July 13th at Barnes Street Activity Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Development Committee, Chaired by Pro tem Jebaily

Pro tem Jebaily said the committee reviewed ongoing grants and projects for the city. The city is waiting to receive a formal notice from the National Parks Service regarding the award for the Levy Park expansion project. Special recognition was given to State Representatives Phillip Lowe and Terry Alexander for helping the city secure \$2.75 million in state funding to go towards the Levy Park expansion project. The committee also discussed the ongoing stormwater capital projects and received updates regarding Carolina Theater and Urban Square parking deck. The Business Development Committee has been very focused on the city corridors and a meeting was held to discuss the plans for the Lucas Street corridor.

Mayor Ervin asked Scotty Davis, City Manager, to elaborate on the meeting for the Lucas Street Corridor.

Mr. Davis said the city is looking at plans to improve corridors, particularly the Lucas Street Corridor. City staff met with property owners along Lucas Street to discuss plans for this corridor and additional meetings will be scheduled to receive input. Staff will be working on this process and will bring forth information to Council and the public to show how the city's gateways can be better utilized and managed.

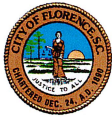
Mayor Ervin spoke on a meeting that was held with Florence County Economic Development Partnership and improvements for the Palmetto Street Corridor were discussed. This corridor is located primarily in the county. The corridor improvements will take place at the site of the old motel and extend out to Francis Marion University. Information can be found online regarding the improvement plans for this corridor.

Community Development Committee, Chaired by Councilwoman Barnes

Councilwoman Barnes said the committee received an update from the Community Services staff regarding the Building Florence Together Community Development Corporation, homeownership, rehabs, weatherization, and demolition projects. The committee has been focused on ways to combat crime in the community and is looking for long term solutions to reduce crime in the community. The committee is also working on the community wish list.

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

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson provided an update on CitiBOT. The new app is set to launch in late May/early June. The goal of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee is to bridge the communication gap with the public. The committee is also working on various awareness campaigns, which have been posted to the city's Facebook page. The city's website will also be updated. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson thanked Mayor Ervin for providing Ms. Garner with a proclamation to recognize May as ALS Awareness Month.



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Finance, Audit and Budget Committee, Chaired by Councilman McCall

Councilman McCall said the committee was unable to meet last month due to scheduling conflicts. The committee was previously advised on the auditing services contract presented by Mr. Rawlinson at today's meeting. He also spoke of the positive feedback that has been received regarding the CARE Program and reminded residents of the ability to opt out of the program at any time. This month will be the first month that utility customers will see the round up amount appear on their water bill.

Pro tem Jebaily also agreed with Councilman McCall regarding the positive feedback for the CARE Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to enter into Executive Session and Councilman McCall seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously (7-0) to enter into Executive Session at 2:56p.m.

Council resumed open session at 3:43p.m. and took action on the following items:

Resolution No. 2024-24

A Resolution of City Council approving Downtown Redevelopment Grants for Fourth Quarter, FY24.

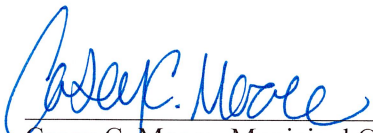
Councilman Smith made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2024-24 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

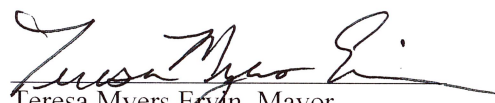
Council voted unanimously (7-0) to pass Resolution No. 2024-24. Resolution No. 2024-24 was passed.

ADJOURN

Without objection, the May 13, 2024 Regular meeting of City Council was adjourned at 3:44pm.

Dated this 10th day of June 2024.


Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk


Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor