



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025 – 1:00PM
CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 WEST EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 9-10, 2025 – Work Session
February 10, 2025 – Regular Meeting

IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

SERVICE RECOGNITIONS

Jose Guzman – 20 years – Beautification and Facilities
William Mitchell – 10 years – Fire Department

V. APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL

a. John Cox

To speak to Council regarding the homeless and litter in the community.

Note: Each person who gives notice to speak may be limited to a five (5) minute presentation at the discretion of the presiding officer, City of Florence Code of Ordinances, Section 2-24(h).

VI. ORDINANCES IN POSITION

a. Bill No. 2024-22 – Second 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.

b. Bill No. 2025-03 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Florence entitled “Buildings, Construction and Related Activities”, to establish Article XV “Vacant and Abandoned Residential, Commercial and Industrial Building Registration.

c. Bill No. 2025-06 – Second Reading

An ordinance to annex and zone CG the property located at Gilbert Drive and Freedom Boulevard, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00178-01-244.

d. Bill No. 2025-07 – Second Reading

An ordinance to annex and zone RG-3 the properties located at 1001 Tunbridge Place and 3740 West Lake Drive, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 00751-01-279 & 00751-01-282.

e. Bill No. 2025-09 – Second Reading

An Ordinance to amend the City of Florence Unified Development Ordinance relating to the flood hazard district to maintain compliance with the current Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations and adopt the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

f. Bill No. 2025-10 – Second Reading

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, imposing a temporary moratorium on final approval of development plans and other approvals relating to properties that contain cemeteries for the purpose of enabling consideration by city council of recommendations relating to amendments to development regulations of the City regarding cemeteries, and further invoking the pending ordinance doctrine with respect to such temporary moratorium in anticipation of such amendments.

g. Bill No. 2025-11 – Second Reading

An Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of surplus city property of approximately .319 acres on a portion of Florence County Tax Map Number 00147-01-023 located at Jennie O’Bryan Avenue back to Floyd Family Properties, LLC, such city property having been initially conveyed to the City of Florence for the purpose of constructing a Sports Complex and a road accessing such complex.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. Bill No. 2025-08 – First Reading

An Ordinance to adopt the updated Downtown Design Standards for the City of Florence.

b. Bill No. 2025-12- First Reading

An Ordinance to rezone from NC-15 to NC-6.3 the property located at Dexter Drive and Attwood Avenue, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00150-01-140.

c. Bill No. 2025-13 – First Reading

An Ordinance to amend the budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution No. 2025-08

A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Facility Encroachment Agreement with CSX Transportation, Inc.

b. Resolution No. 2025-09

A Resolution and Conditional Grant and Development Agreement to provide an incentive for the development of new housing within East Florence as part of the ongoing Neighborhood Redevelopment Project.

(Note: This item may be discussed in Executive Session.)

IX. REPORT TO COUNCIL

a. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

(Note: This item may be discussed in Executive Session.)

b. Mauldin and Jenkins, CPAs and Advisors

Presentation of the City of Florence, SC Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements by the independent Certified Public Accounting Firm of Mauldin and Jenkins CPAs and Advisors.

X. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

XI. MAYORAL REPORT

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Business Development Committee

b. Community Development Committee

c. Finance, Audit and Budget Committee

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. For a discussion regarding an Economic Development Project as referenced in Resolution No. 2025-09 [30-4-70(a)(5)].

b. For a discussion regarding appointments to city Boards and Commissions [30-4-70(a)(1)].

c. To receive an update regarding Project Urban Square [30-4-70(a)(5)].

After returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed during Executive Session.

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