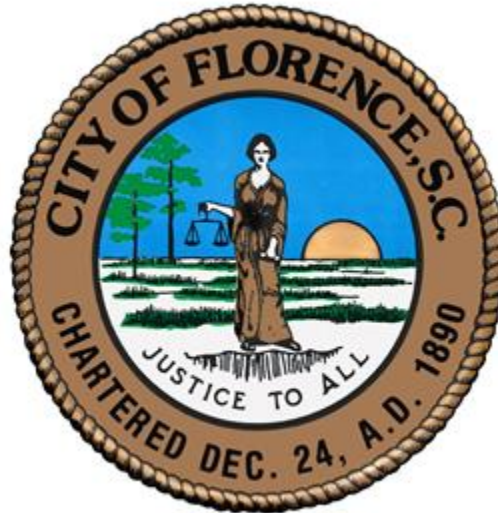


**REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**



**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
324 W. EVANS STREET  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MONDAY  
JUNE 12, 2023  
1:00 P.M.**



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 – 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**

April 24, 2023 – Work Session  
May 8, 2023 – Regular Meeting

**IV. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. A public hearing will be held to receive input on the City of Florence Fiscal Year Budget 2023-2024.**

**V. APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL**

*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).*

**a. Ms. Yolanda Echols**

To introduce the Beacon Of Light Institute For Veterans.

**b. Dr. John Bruce**

To request consideration of a strengthened dog ordinance.

**c. Mr. Carl Schleg**

To request consideration of speed humps on Park Avenue.

**d. Reverend Marvin Hemingway, Chairperson - Pee Dee Youth Initiative**

To speak on Pee Dee Youth Day.

**e. Mrs. Mindy Taylor, District Manager – Duke Energy**

To present to the City of Florence the Duke Energy Emergency Preparedness and Storm Resiliency Grant.

**VI. ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

**a. Bill No. 2023-17 – Second Reading**

An Ordinance authorizing the City to extend the lease on the real estate known as 228 West Darlington Street and designated as Florence County Tax Map Parcel 90086-02-004 to Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority under the terms and conditions set out in the written lease attached as Exhibit A to this Ordinance.

**b. Bill No. 2023-18 – Second Reading**

An Ordinance to annex and zone 136 Wilson Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90097-01-022.

**c. Bill No. 2023-19 – Second Reading**

An Ordinance to adopt the City of Florence 2020 Comprehensive Plan and the City of Florence 2020 Downtown Masterplan.

**VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**a. Bill No. 2023-21 – 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

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

**b. Bill No. 2023-22 – First Reading**

An Ordinance to amend Article IV of Chapter 2 specifically Section 2-206 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances amending the designated areas to include the East Palmetto Corridor within municipal limits.

**c. Bill No. 2023-23 – First Reading**

An Ordinance to annex Phase IV of The Grove at Ebenezer, identified as a portion of Florence County Tax Map Number 00075-01-221.

**d. Bill No. 2023-24 – First Reading**

An Ordinance to amend Section 8-3 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances to allow fireworks on private property on July 4-5 and December 31-January 1 in the City of Florence.

**VIII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Resolution No. 2023-31**

A Resolution of Recognition for the accomplishments of Jolette Law.

**b. Resolution No. 2023-32**

A Resolution to proclaim June 19-25, 2023 as National Pollinator Week in the City of Florence.

**c. Resolution No. 2023-33**

A Resolution to proclaim June as Homeownership Month.

**IX. REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**a. Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

**X. MAYORAL REPORT**

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Business Development Committee**

**b. Community Development Committee**

**c. Marketing and Public Relations Committee**

**d. Finance, Audit and Budget Committee**

*(Note: Action may be taken during Committee Reports.)*

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**a. To receive legal advice regarding the FY 2023-24 budget [30-4-70(a)(2)].**

**b. For discussion of matters related to a proposed Economic Development Project located within an Overlay District [30-4-70(a)(5)].**

**c. Personnel Matter [30-4-70(a)(1)].**

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

**XIII. ADJOURN**



**SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.  
FLORENCE SOCCER COMPLEX PAVILION  
1000 SOCCER WAY  
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**ALSO PRESENT**

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

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

Mr. Seth Taylor with the Post and Courier and Ms. Shania Butler with WBTW were present for the meeting.

A notice of the meeting was sent to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda, informing them of the date, time and location of this special city council meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Ervin called the April 24, 2023 special meeting of Florence City Council to order at 3:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Ervin provided the invocation for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

**BUDGET WORKSESSION**

The following agenda items will be discussed:

- **Budget Totals by Fund**
- **Compensation/Benefits Changes**
- **General Fund Budget Highlights**



- General Fund
- Community Programs Funding
- Hospitality Special Revenue Fund
- Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund
- Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund
- Water/Sewer & Stormwater Utility Construction Funds
- Utilities Equipment Replacement Funds
- CDBG Budget

### OVERVIEW OF FY 2023-24 BUDGET

Mr. Randy Osterman, City Manager, began by introducing the objectives of the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget.

#### **General Fund Budget Objectives:**

- Balanced Budget
- Meet Council Objectives
- Meet Service Delivery Needs
- COLA Increase for Employees
- Community Programs

#### **General Fund Budget Highlights:**

The following is a list of highlights from the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget.

Initial budget requests were \$6,793,668 greater than revenue estimates. This shortfall was resolved through adjustments to capital requests, department operational requests, cost of living as well as adjustments based on attrition trend savings and delayed hiring.

#### FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget Highlights

- ▶ Initial budget requests were \$6,793,668 greater than revenue estimates
  - ▶ Shortfall resolved through:
    - ▶ Adjustments to capital requests
    - ▶ Adjustments based on attrition trend savings and delayed hiring
    - ▶ Adjustments to Cost of Living
    - ▶ Adjustments to department operational requests

#### **Compensation/Benefits Highlights:**

The following is a summary of FY 2023-24 compensation and benefits.

- ▶ 8% Cost of Living pay increase eligibility effective January 1, 2024 included in the budget.
- ▶ Annual Longevity Recognition Pay.
- ▶ Effective January 1, 2024, the City's Health Insurance premium is projected to increase between 3% and 4% for the City. The City maintained an experience rating of zero.





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- ▶ Retirement System contribution increases for the City effective July 1, 2023:
  - ▶ SCRS: City contribution increases 1.00% (from 17.56% to 18.56%)
  - ▶ PORS: City contribution increases 1.00% (from 20.24% to 21.24%)

**Note:** The 1% increase above assumes that the 1 percent pension employer contribution credit in the FY 2023 State budget is funded at the same level in the FY 2024 State budget. If this credit is not included in the state budget, both the SCRS and the PORS contribution will increase by 2% instead of 1%.

Below are new positions proposed in the FY 2023-24 budget. The Office Assistant III position in Finance will be a floater position to provide assistance to Court Administration and Business License. The Sanitation positions are necessary due to the continued growth of the City and the Distribution and Collection positions are new crews that will be utilized to assist in maintaining infrastructure throughout the City. Stormwater revenues are currently not enough to sustain the additional crew proposed.

**FY 2023-24 Budget**  
**New Positions**

**Added Positions**

- Office Assistant III (Finance)
- Sanitation
  - ▶ Sanitation HEO
  - ▶ Sanitation Worker
- Distribution Operations
  - ▶ Team Leader
  - ▶ Special Const. Equip. Op.
  - ▶ Distribution Collection Op.
- Collection Operations
  - ▶ Team Leader Equip. Op.
  - ▶ Special Const. Equip. Op.
  - ▶ Distribution Collection Op. (2)

**Positions Not Included**

- Stormwater
  - ▶ Team Leader
  - ▶ Special Const. Equip. Op.
  - ▶ Heavy Equip. Op.

**Budget Totals by Fund:**

Total for all funds is \$115,246,530. The following chart illustrates the proposed FY 2023-24 budgets listed by fund:

<b><u>Proposed FY 2023-24 Budgets by Fund</u></b>		
General Fund	\$	48,661,500
General Fund Debt Service Fund		694,000
Hospitality Fund		5,699,000
W/S Utilities Enterprise Fund		43,899,980
Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund		1,814,050
W/S Utilities Construction Fund		12,279,000
Stormwater Utility Construction Fund		204,000
W/S Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund		1,745,000
Stormwater Equipment Replacement Fund		<u>250,000</u>
<b>ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>115,246,530</b>



**General Fund:**

Mr. Osterman began a presentation with the General Fund, the largest fund for the city. For the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget, original expenditure requests were \$6,793,668 higher than the original revenue projections.

<b>Original Revenue Projections:</b>	<b><u>Balancing the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget</u></b>	<b>Original Expenditure Requests:</b>
\$46,083,235	Difference: <b>\$6,793,668</b>	\$52,876,903
	Final FY 2023-24 Balanced Budget <b>\$48,661,500</b>	

The proposed budget assumes every position is funded every day of the year. Compensation and benefits cost reductions are projected at \$2,084,217.

**General Fund Compensation and Benefits  
Cost Reductions Made in Balancing Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget**

Extended hiring timeline & other compensation savings	\$	2,084,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,084,217</b>

The following chart illustrates Operational and Capital Funding reductions in balancing the proposed FY 2023-24 budget:

**General Fund Operational & Capital Funding Reductions  
Made in Balancing Proposed FY 2023-24 Budget**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Operations</b>	<b>Capital</b>
Legal Services	\$ 200	\$ 0
City Court	1,000	0
City Manager	4,000	0
Finance & Accounting	1,000	0
Human Resources	1,000	0
Community Services	1,000	0
Police	11,000	515,000
Fire	13,000	78,000
Beautification & Facilities	18,000	135,000
Sanitation	34,500	335,000
Equipment Maintenance	0	5,000
Recreation	6,000	96,500
Athletics	25,000	30,000
Planning, Research & Development	20,000	0
Building Permits & Inspections	1,000	0
Non Departmental	399,993	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 536,993</b>	<b>\$ 1,594,493</b>
<b>OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL TOTAL</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$2,131,186</b>





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This chart outlines the reductions that were necessary to balance the budget. The reductions totaled \$4,215,403 and are detailed below.

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

<b>Expenditure Increases/(Reductions)</b>		<b>Amount</b>
Compensation and Benefits Cost Reductions	\$	(2,084,217)
Operational Funding Reductions		(536,693)
Eliminated Capital Cost Reductions		<u>(1,594,493)</u>
<b>Reductions to Balance Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,215,403</b>

This a recap of how the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget was balanced. Revenue projections were adjusted by 1,478,265. This increase in revenues can be accomplished by increasing the landfill fee and passing along the fees associated with credit card payments.

**Balancing the FY 2023-24**  
**General Fund Budget - Recap**

**GF REVENUES**

Original Revenue Projections	\$46,083,235	
Use of Fund Balance	1,100,000	
Revenue Adjustments	<u>+ 1,478,265</u>	
<b>FY 2023-24 Adjusted Revenues</b>		<b>\$48,661,500</b>

**GF EXPENDITURES**

Original Expenditure Projections	\$52,876,903	
Expenditure Reductions	<u>- 4,215,403</u>	
<b>FY 2023-24 Adjusted Expenditures</b>		<b>\$48,661,500</b>

Councilman Braddock expressed concern with raising the landfill fee while the city is still struggling to provide consistent yard waste pick-up. Mr. Osterman said it is desired to return to regular yard waste pick-up. Mr. Osterman explained further struggles with sanitation, saying only 25% of the City’s residents utilize curb side recycling with little to no return. Many municipalities across South Carolina have suspended curb side and Mr. Osterman said the City will likely soon have to decide if curb side recycling is worth the cost associated with it.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson inquired on the City’s cost to recycle. Mr. Chuck Pope, Public Works Director, said the City is charged by the ton. To put the cost into perspective, Mr. Pope said it costs the City \$55.55 per ton for garbage, but recycling costs \$159.50 per ton. On average, it is costing the City \$65,000 per year for recycling, not including personnel and operations costs. If recycling service is suspended, personnel will be utilized for yard waste collection.

Mr. Osterman spoke on credit card fees next. The City is currently absorbing approximately \$350,000 in credit card fees annually. Of the \$350,000, \$50,000 is out of the general fund and \$300,000 is out of the utilities fund.

Even with the increase in landfill fees and passing along credit card fees, the budget is still not balanced. To balance the budget, \$1,100,000 was taken from the fund balance; however, Mr. Osterman said utilizing the fund balance is not sustainable. Mr. Osterman said it is necessary for the City to consider a



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millage increase, as the City cannot continue to deplete the fund balance to cover normal operating expenditures. The maximum amount the City can raise millage is 5 mils, which will generate approximately \$950,000. On a \$100,000 owner occupied home, a 5 mil increase will be an additional \$20 per year which will be offset almost half due to the local options sales tax property tax credit. There was discussion on the potential to max out the mileage increase over a specific period of time. Mr. Peterson said Council is able to decide, as part of a budget, that their intentions are to do a steady mileage increase but passing a budget that defines the mileage is required to be done each year.

The following chart illustrates the General Fund Revenue Budget by Source and the percentage of budget for each category. Property taxes and Licenses and Fees are the largest contributors to the General Fund revenues.

<b><u>FY 2023-24 General Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>Revenue Budget by Source</u></b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Property Taxes*	\$ 13,524,025	27.79%
Licenses & Fees	15,969,970	32.82%
Governmental Reimbursements	6,273,277	12.89%
Permits and Fees	3,345,700	6.88%
Fines & Forfeitures	281,500	0.58%
Miscellaneous & Other Revenues	616,100	1.27%
Other Funding Sources	1,220,000	2.51%
Interfund Transfers	<u>7,255,928</u>	<u>14.90%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 48,661,500</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*Local Option Sales Property Tax Credit accounts for 46.00% of the total Property Taxes category.

This is a comparison between this year’s budget and last year’s budget.

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>				
<b><u>FY 2023 &amp; 2024 Revenue</u></b>				
<b><u>Budget Comparison</u></b>				
	<b>Original FY 2023</b>	<b>Budget for FY 2024</b>	<b>Change from Original FY 23</b>	<b>% Change From FY 23</b>
Property Taxes	\$ 12,098,600	\$ 13,524,025	\$ 1,425,425	11.78
Business Licenses	11,098,200	11,517,280	419,080	3.78
Franchise Fees	4,118,000	4,452,690	334,690	8.13
Govt Reimbursements	5,997,000	6,273,277	276,277	4.61
Permits and Fees	2,772,000	3,345,700	573,700	20.70
Fines & Forfeitures	293,500	281,500	(12,000)	-4.09
Other Revenues	2,155,000	2,011,100	(143,900)	-6.68
Interfund Transfers	<u>6,377,700</u>	<u>7,255,928</u>	<u>878,228</u>	<u>13.77</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$44,910,000</b>	<b>\$48,661,500</b>	<b>\$3,751,500</b>	<b>8.35%</b>

**Community Programs Funding**

The following chart shows the community programs that are included in the FY 2023-24 budget.

**Appropriation Requests by**



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**Agency/Event  
FY 2023-24**

<b><u>Included in the FY 2023-24 Budget</u></b>		
<b>Agency/Project/Event</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Boys & Girls Club*	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
PDRTA	232,000	218,000
Red Cross	12,000	10,000
Keep Florence Beautiful	5,000	5,000
No One Unsheltered Programs	75,000	75,000
Florence Family Support Ct.	8,805	8,800
My Brother's Keeper	30,000	20,000
Foster Care Clothing Closet	20,000	7,000
Pee Dee Coalition	20,000	<u>5,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 422,805</b>	<b>\$368,800</b>

<b><u>Not Included in the FY 2023-24 Budget</u></b>	
<b>Agency/Project/Event</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Senior Citizens Association	\$75,000
Tenacious Grace Ministries	8,000
Heart of Life	35,000
G-LAB Legacies	15,000

Note: Reference budget request documents provided by requesting agencies in budget notebook.  
\* In addition, utilities for the Boys & Girls Club is funded at \$21,000 in other departments' budgets.

**Hospitality Fund**

This is the 2% tax paid on prepared food and beverage purchases in the city. The Hospitality Fund is one of the city's growth funds but it is also a restricted fund. South Carolina Code requires any revenue generated by the hospitality fee must be used exclusively for the following purposes:

- Tourism-related buildings including, but not limited to, civic centers, coliseums, and aquariums.
- Tourism-related cultural, recreational, or historic facilities.
- Beach access and re-nourishment.
- Highways, roads, streets, and bridges providing access to tourist destinations.
- Advertisements and promotions related to tourism development.
- Water and sewer infrastructure to serve tourism-related demand.

However, because at least \$900,000 in accommodations taxes are collected annually in Florence County, State law permits hospitality funds to be spent for operations related to the above stated purposes.

Below is the hospitality fees comparison from FY 2018 to FY 2024.

<b><u>FY 2018-2024</u></b>		
<b><u>Hospitality Fees Comparison</u></b>		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>% Change</b>
2018	4,101,928	1.61
2019	4,342,184	5.86
2020	4,205,349	-3.15
2021	4,722,870	12.31
2022	5,351,385	13.31
2023*	5,415,331	1.19
2024**	5,698,000	5.22
* 2023 Estimated		
** 2024 Budgeted		

The amount projected for FY 2023-24 is \$5,699,000.



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Hospitality Fees	\$ 5,698,000
Interest Earnings	1,000
<b>FY 23-24 Hospitality Fund Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 5,699,000</b>

This is the list of recommended expenditures for the Hospitality Fund for FY 2023-24.

<u><b>Hospitality Fund Expenditures</b></u>	
Athletic Facilities Operations	\$ 2,200,000
Florence Museum	100,000
Florence Downtown Development Corporation	54,000
Florence Downtown Economic Development Incentives	75,000
Florence Downtown Promotions	35,000
Sports Complex Debt Service (through November 2035)	151,890
Tennis Center/Performing Arts Center Debt Service (through April 2024)	538,700
Recreation Facility/Gymnasium Debt Service (through June 2034)	408,080
2016 Special Obligation Bond Debt Service Appropriation (through Dec 2046)	300,000
Florence Historic District Street Lighting Operations	30,000
Florence Center (Debt Service effective through April 2040. FY 23-24 DS = \$662,000)	1,488,000
James Allen Plaza Restroom Facilities – 8 <sup>th</sup> of 10-year Lease Payment	9,000
Contingency	<u>309,330</u>
<b>FY 23-24 Hospitality Fund Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 5,699,000</b>

**Water & Sewer Utilities Enterprise Fund:**

The total Water and Sewer Revenue Fund is \$43,899,980. This chart shows the Water and Sewer Revenues by Source. Other Revenue comes from reconnection fees, tap fees, etc.

<u><b>Water and Sewer Revenues by Source</b></u>	
Water Fees & Charges	47%
Wastewater Fees & Charges	51%
Other Revenue	2%

This chart shows the Water and Sewer Expenses by Department.

<u><b>Water &amp; Sewer Expenses By Department</b></u>		
Utility Finance	\$ 2,844,081	6.48%
Engineering	1,637,229	3.73%
WW Treatment	5,717,894	13.02%
Surface Water Production	3,219,488	7.33%
Ground Water Production	2,594,847	5.91%
Distribution Operations	3,473,867	7.91%
Collection Operations	2,209,119	5.03%
Compliance	405,244	0.92%
Maintenance	831,486	1.89%
Debt Service	9,681,385	22.06%
Non-departmental	<u>11,285,340</u>	<u>25.72%</u>







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**B. Projects Approved and Added in FY 2022-2023**

1. Mars Hill Gravity Sewer Project	\$ 600,000
2. S. Wallace Road Water Line	209,000
3. Water Line Renewals/Replacements/Upsizing	2,118,000
4. Lead and Copper Removal Rule Compliance	1,042,000
5. Water Line Interconnection on Florence Harlee Blvd.	130,000
6. Lead and Copper Removal Rule Compliance	442,000

**C. Proposed Projects for FY 2023-24**

1. Williamson Road Water Line Extension (Old Marion Hwy to Glendale)	\$ 500,000
2. Northeast Area Elevated Water Tank	500,000
3. Whitehawk Water/Sewer Line Extensions	250,000
4. Waste Distribution System Improvements #2	500,000

**D. Other**

1. Utility Line Engineering/Legal/Professional Services	\$ 150,000
2. Reserved for Other Projects	<u>1,854,000</u>

**Total W/S Construction Fund Expenses** **\$12,279,000**

**Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund**

The total Stormwater Utility Enterprise fund is \$1,814,050.

**Stormwater Revenues by Source**

Stormwater Fees (\$1,659,850)	91%
Other Revenue (\$154,200)	9%

**Stormwater Expenses by Category**

Operations (\$941,178)	52%
Debt Service (\$538,100)	30%
Nondept./Const. Fund Trf. (\$34,772)	18%

This a recap of how the FY 2023-24 Stormwater Utility Fund Budget was balanced.

**Stormwater Utility Fund Revenues**

Original Revenue Projections	\$1,778,550	
Revenue Adjustments	<u>+ 35,500</u>	
<b>FY 2023-24 Adjusted Revenues</b>		<b>\$1,814,050</b>

**Stormwater Utility Fund Expenses**

Original Expense Requests	\$2,097,108	
Expense Reductions	<u>- 283,058</u>	
<b>FY 2023-24 Adjusted Expense</b>		<b>\$1,814,050</b>

**Stormwater Utility Construction Fund**

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, provided an update on current stormwater projects. In 2021, City Council authorized the issuance of a \$7 million bond to fund new stormwater projects to include Saint Anthony/College Park, Sandhurst, Tarleton Estates, Pennsylvania Street, Dargan





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and Elm Street, Malden Drive, Cannon Street, Rebecca Street, Cheves Street, Wisteria Drive and the Stormwater Masterplan.

Phase I has been completed in the Saint Anthony Drive, Sandhurst, Tarleton Estates areas with cleaning of existing stormwater infrastructure. The engineering drawings for Rebecca Street have been completed and the City is still working with property owners to acquire the proper easements on private property. The city was awarded an additional \$2.6 million from the Office of Resilience for the Pennsylvania Street project, which is still in the engineering phase. The Stormwater Masterplan is moving along with public meetings scheduled for the next couple weeks. The City was also awarded an additional \$9 million in grants from the Office of Resilience for the Cedar/McQueen Street and the North Church and Oakland Street projects.

**Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund**

The Equipment Replacement Fund is a fund to replace utility equipment. This fund allows for the replacement of equipment when it is needed and does not require that the purchase be deferred.

**W/S Equipment Replacement Fund**  
**Budget by Department**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 880,000
Surface Water Production	115,000
Ground Water Production	90,000
Distribution Operations	560,000
Collection Operations	<u>100,000</u>
<b>W/S Capital Equipment Fund Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,745,000</b>

There is \$250,000 in the Stormwater Equipment Replacement Fund.

**Stormwater Equipment**  
**Replacement Fund**  
**Budget by Department**

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Stormwater Operations	<u>\$250,000</u>
<b>Stormwater Capital Equipment Fund Total</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>

**CITY OF FLORENCE CDBG BUDGET FY 2023-24**

Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager, gave a presentation on the City of Florence Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget for FY 2023-2024. The City will receive \$304,546 for FY 2023-24 in CDBG allocations. In FY 2022-23, the City received \$319,283.

Each eligible activity must meet one of three national objectives: benefit low-to-moderate income persons, aid in the elimination of slum or blight, and meeting a need having particular urgency. A formula is utilized to determine CDBG allocations. The CDBG formula allocation is based on total population, percentage of low to moderate income persons, and the unemployment rate of a jurisdiction. There is a 20% cap of total allocation for planning and administration expenses and a 15% percent cap of total allocation for public service, which includes subrecipients.



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Below is the proposed CDBG budget for 2023-24.

<b><u>Proposed Budget 2023-2024</u></b>	
Planning and Admin.	\$ 60,000
Emergency Rehab	224,546
Downpayment Assistance	20,000

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the special meeting of Florence City Council was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk

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Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor



**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023 – 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. 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; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Chief Shannon Tanner, Florence Fire Department; Mrs. Jennifer Krawiec, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utility Planning and Economic Development; Mrs. Amanda Pope, Director of Marketing/Communications and Municipal Services; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works and Mr. Kevin Rawlinson, Chief Financial Officer

**MEDIA PRESENT**

Mr. Christian Smith with the Florence Morning News and Mr. Seth Taylor with the Post and Courier 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 8, 2023 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 NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 10, 2023 regular meeting and the April 20, 2023 special meeting and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously adopted.

**APPEARANCES BEFORE COUNCIL**



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**Ms. Heather Crawford, District Director – Office of Congressman Russell Fry**

Ms. Heather Crawford appeared before Council to present a gift of recognition. On behalf of Congressman Fry, Ms. Crawford presented a Congressional Record to the City of Florence from the U.S. House of Representatives congratulating the City on their recent 2023 Great American Main Street Award.

**ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

**Bill No. 2023-11 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance authorizing and directing the City of Florence to enter into an intergovernmental agreement relating to South Carolina local revenue services; to participate in one or more local revenue service programs; to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements; and other matters relating thereto.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-11 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-11 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2023-12 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 2022-24 dated October 10, 2022 and enact a new Ordinance to amend Article I and II of Chapter 12 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances entitled “Municipal Utilities”.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-12 on second reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-12 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2023-13 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to annex and zone RG-3 parcels located off East Crawford Avenue, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 00179-01-006, 00179-01-007, and 90132-03-015.**

Councilman Smith made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-13 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-13 was adopted.

**Bill No. 2023-14 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to annex and zone RG-3 Phase I of Smith’s Field subdivision located off Smith Drive, identified as Florence County Tax Map Numbers 00100-01-265 through -313, previously a portion of Florence County Tax Map Parcel 00100-01-093.**

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-14 on second reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-14 was adopted.



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**Bill No. 2023-15 – Second Reading**

**An Ordinance to enter into a Development Agreement for Phase I of Smith’s Field subdivision located off Smith Drive, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 00100-01-093 and 00100-01-265 through -313.**

Councilman Braddock made a motion to adopt Bill No. 2023-15 on second reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-15 was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Bill No. 2023-16 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance adopting a redistricting plan for three single member districts of the City of Florence, SC in accordance with the Federal Decennial Census of 2020.**

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-16 on first reading and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Clint Moore, Assistant City Manager of Development, reported this proposal includes one map, which is the existing district boundaries, and it is in compliance with the deviation requirements and meets all other standards.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to amend the current motion and defer this matter until the August meeting in order to receive additional information, and Councilman McCall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Pro tem Jebaily asked if the population numbers on the current map have been updated since it was originally presented. Mr. Moore responded the only numbers that are able to be used to consider redistricting are the official census numbers. Since the census, the City has completed 35 annexations with an increase in 55 people in population. Mr. Moore also said there were two additional maps when this ordinance was originally presented; however, those two removed a Councilmember from their current district and that is not allowed.

Councilman Braddock inquired on the deadline for redistricting. Mr. Moore replied while the language for state and county is clear. It is not as clear for municipalities, but should be completed prior to the March filing date. Councilman Braddock also stated that the County was potentially moving precinct locations and asked if that factor needed to be considered with redistricting. Mr. Jim Peterson, City Attorney, replied that it will not affect the city’s redistricting.

Following additional discussion, Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion, as amended. Bill No. 2023-16 is deferred until the August 2023 meeting.

**Bill No. 2023-17 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance authorizing the City to extend the lease on the real estate known as 228 West Darlington Street and designated as Florence County Tax Map Parcel 90086-02-004 to Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority under the terms and conditions set out in the written lease attached as Exhibit A to this Ordinance.**





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Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-17 on first reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mr. Moore reported the PDRTA is making the request to extend the lease on the property to expire June 30, 2045. The extension of the lease will provide the PDTRA with the continued opportunity to receive matching funds from the Federal Government and will allow the PDRTA to meet the requirements and guidelines that are mandatory. The lease amendment will also allow the PDRTA the right to access a storage area located on the property to construct restroom facilities for their riders and employees.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-17 was passed on first reading.

**Bill No. 2023-18 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance to annex and zone 136 Wilson Road, identified as Florence County Tax Map Number 90097-01-022.**

Councilman Smith made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-18 on first reading and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mr. Moore reported this parcel is an infill lot for annexation. Water and sewer services are currently available. Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter and voted unanimously to recommend the zoning designation of NC-10, pending annexation.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-18 was passed on first reading.

**Bill No. 2023-19 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance to adopt the City of Florence 2020 Comprehensive Plan and the City of Florence 2020 Downtown Masterplan.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-19 on first reading and Councilman McCall seconded the motion.

Mr. Moore introduced Mr. Gary Mitchell with Kendig Keast Collaborative, the city's consultant for the Comprehensive Plan. City Staff worked with Kendig Keast, APD Urban planning and Management and CDM Smith to develop the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Mitchell said the planning phases of the Comprehensive Plan began in 2020 and was significantly delayed due to the COVID pandemic. The City then made the decision to migrate to virtual meetings to receive input from residents and stakeholders. The Comprehensive Plan is an expression of the community's vision for the future and is a guiding document on how to best reach that vision. The Comprehensive Plan consists of nine chapters: Plan Introduction, Growth Capacity, Land Use and Development, Housing and Neighborhoods, Transportation, Recreation and Amenities, Plan Implementation and Existing City Report. The Downtown Masterplan and the Future Land Use Maps were also updated during the Comprehensive Plan process.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Bill No. 2023-19 was passed on first reading.

**Bill No. 2023-20 – First Reading**

**An Ordinance to rezone the parcel located on Dexter Drive at Attwood Avenue, Florence County Tax Map Number 00150-01-140.**

Mayor Ervin made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-20 on first reading. The motion received no second.





The motion failed due a lack of a second.

### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution No. 2023-21**

**A Resolution authorizing the commitment of \$2,750,000 of the East Florence Redevelopment Appropriation Funds to fund a portion of the Levy Park Redevelopment Project.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-21 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mayor Ervin said some individuals requested to speak on this item. Pastor Henry Badie spoke first, representing the East Florence Community Organization and expressed his excitement to see monies going towards east Florence. He asked that the East Florence Community Organization have a part in the process of the redevelopment of Levy Park. Mrs. Pat Gibson-Hye Moore and Mr. Kermit Moore of the East Florence Community Organization were also present to speak, also asking that the community be included in the project.

Pro tem Jebaily said a grant opportunity arose for the redevelopment of current Levy Park and the site of the hotel into a combined 20-acre park. This was a last-minute opportunity in which a local match needed to be identified and a preliminary plan be put in place. The conceptual plan was presented to Council. This conceptual plan meets all the eligibility requirements of the grant and includes upgrades to the park's existing elements along with additional, potential elements such as a splash pad, interactive stations, sensory garden, dog park, solar powered areas, fitness centers and playgrounds. The total cost of the conceptual project is just under \$18 million. Pro tem Jebaily said they already have commitments from various entities for the local match which include the City of Florence, Florence County, McLeod Health, Francis Marion University, Duke Energy, and in-kind contributions from the Florence Convention and Visitors Bureau as well as a private individual.

Councilwoman Barnes addressed the East Florence Community Organization representatives and said Council's doors are always open when there are questions from the community. She commended Pro tem Jebaily and Councilman Smith, saying they personally went out and got \$9 million for east Florence. She said a lot of hard work went into this project and there was no intent to leave anyone out. There was a short time limit to get this project together and there will be a time for input with the community.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson expressed her excitement and commended the effort put into this project.

Councilman Smith thanked the representatives for their concern and for being here today. This project is a lifetime opportunity for the east Florence community, as \$18 million has never been invested in any park in Florence. He said the narrative of the community not having knowledge of the project doesn't sit well with him, because the public will have knowledge and will have input. There is a time and a place where the entire Florence community will have input.

Mayor Ervin said the opportunity for grant money is great for any project. Mayor Ervin said she understands from today's meeting is that no one is against the funding for the park, but the community expected to have input. There was beneficial discussion held today and the City will do better to communicate with the community.



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Pro tem Jebaily recognized the individuals involved in the process. The committee consisted of himself along with vice-chair Councilman Smith, Representative Terry Alexander, Florence County Councilman Waymon Mumford and Councilman William Schofield, Holly Beaumoir with the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Mindy Taylor with Duke Energy. Other key players in the project include Representative Phillip Lowe who, along with Representative Alexander, helped get the \$2.75 million available from the state.

Along with County Councilman Waymon Mumford and Councilman William Schofield, Councilman Al Bradley and Councilman Toney Moore each committed funds from their fund pools to assist with the project. Pro tem Jebaily also recognized Dr. Allie Brooks, McLeod Health Board member for being a spokesperson for McLeod Health and for their involvement with the project.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-21 was passed.

**Resolution No. 2023-22**

**A Resolution to adopt a Community Development Block Grant Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.**

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-22 and Councilwoman Barnes seconded the motion.

Mr. Scotty Davis, Deputy City Manager, reported the City is an entitlement community in that the city receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds each year. For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the City will receive \$304,546 in CDBG funding. Meetings were held in the neighborhoods throughout the month of March and the Public Hearing for the CDBG budget was held at the April 10, 2023 Council meeting.

**Proposed 2023-2024 CDBG Budget**

Planning and Admin.	\$60,000
Emergency Rehab	\$204,546
Downpayment Assistance	\$40,000

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to amend to adjust the amounts as follows:

Planning and Admin.	\$60,000
Emergency Rehab	\$199,546
No One Unsheltered	\$25,000
My Brother's Keeper	\$20,000

Pro tem Jebaily seconded the motion to amend. Council voted (6-1) in favor of the amendment with Mayor Ervin voting nay. The amendment passed.

Councilman McCall clarified that downpayment assistance is not being eliminated. Individuals trying to achieve homeownership in the catalytic areas will still have downpayment assistance with funding included in the community services budget.

Council voted 6-1 in favor of the motion, with Mayor Ervin voting nay. Resolution No. 2023-22 was passed, as amended.

**Resolution No. 2023-23**

**A Resolution authorizing the use of a City owned property located on Coit Street for the installation of a sculpture.**



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Mayor Ervin made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-23 and Councilman Braddock seconded the motion.

Mr. Randy Osterman, City Manager, reported the steel industry reached out to the City with the concept of constructing and donating a structure that recognizes the importance of the steel industry in Florence and the Florence economy. Several locations were considered for the location of the structure and City staff is recommending the location on Coit Street across the street from Urban Square in which a proposed parking lot is to be located. This would allow the opportunity to create an environment around the sculpture instead of fitting it into an existing location.

Mr. Van Fraley, SteelFab employee, gave a brief presentation on the steel industry in Florence. He said, within a 5-mile radius from the City Center building, there are 1000 employees in the steel industry. Vulcraft, Nucor, Carbis, Superior Machine and SteelFab are all represented in Florence, all of which are the largest manufacturers of steel in the nation. Mr. Fraley said the sculpture will be paid for by the steel manufacturers in Florence and the City will assume maintenance once it is installed.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-23 was passed.

**Resolution No 2023-24**

**A Resolution of City Council approving Downtown Redevelopment Grants for Fourth Quarter, FY 23.**

Mayor Ervin said this item is notated to be discussed in Executive Session. There being no objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

**Resolution No. 2023-25**

**A Resolution to grant staff the authority to exercise eminent domain on a portion of Florence County Tax Map Parcel 90168-02-022.**

Mayor Ervin said this item is notated to be discussed in Executive Session. There being no objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

**Resolution No. 2023-26**

**A Resolution to appoint Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. as the City Attorney and authorize the City Manager to execute the negotiated contract for services.**

Mayor Ervin said this item is notated to be discussed in Executive Session. There being no objection, this item will be discussed in Executive Session.

**Resolution No. 2023-27**

**A Resolution of Recognition for the accomplishments of D'Asia Gregg.**

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-27 and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Mayor Ervin and Councilman Smith presented the Resolution to the family of D'Asia Gregg.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-27 was passed.

**Resolution No. 2023-28**



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**A Resolution of Recognition for the contributions of It Takes a Village in the community.**

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-28 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson presented the Resolution to representatives of It Takes A Village.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-28 was passed.

**Resolution No. 2023-29**

**A Resolution of Recognition for the contributions of The Stand Fast Project in the community.**

Councilman McCall made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-29 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson presented the Resolution to representatives of The Stand Fast Project.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-29 passed.

**Resolution No. 2023-30**

**A Resolution to recognize May as National Tennis Month in the City of Florence.**

Councilwoman Barnes made a motion to pass Bill No. 2023-30 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Mayor Ervin presented the Resolution to a representative of the Florence Tennis Association.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-30 was passed.

**REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions**

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

**Florence Center Commission**

Councilwoman Barnes deferred her nomination to this board.

**Housing Authority**

Mayor Ervin deferred her nomination to this board.

**MAYORAL REPORT**

Mayor Ervin acknowledged Representative Terry Alexander and Senator Mike Reichenbach who brought the City and the Downtown Development Corporation to Columbia in recognition of the recent Great American Main Street award. Mayor Ervin also welcomed the Post and Courier to Florence. She said work continues at Urban Square and welcomed Biscuitville to Florence which is a new business and first to South Carolina.





## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Pro tem Jebaily said the Committee received an update on ongoing projects, as well as water and utility projects. The stormwater masterplan is moving along with community meetings scheduled during May. Pro tem Jebaily also mentioned another meeting with some individuals from the US Department of Commerce in which they received a presentation regarding the CHIPS program.

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

Councilwoman Barnes said the Committee received a report from the Resilience and Sustainability Advisory Committee. They are expected to report back to Council at a later date.

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

Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson reported the Committee discussed monthly highlights on social media. National Military Appreciation Month will be highlighted during May and in June, Bee City and National Pollinator's Week will be highlighted. Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson also announced that a City application has been included in the budget and will serve as a communication tool with the community.

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

Councilman McCall said the Committee received a presentation from a state lobbyist which may be a consideration for the City in the future. The Committee also reviewed the FY 2023-24 budget, as well as the 2023-24 CDBG budget.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Ervin said Council will be entering into Executive Session for a discussion of matters related to a proposed economic development project, to receive legal advice regarding eminent domain, for discussions related to a contractual matter and for a personnel matter.

Without objection, Council entered into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

Council resumed open session at 4:40 p.m. and took action on the following items:

### **Resolution No 2023-24**

**A Resolution of City Council approving Downtown Redevelopment Grants for Fourth Quarter, FY 23.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-24 and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-24 was passed.

### **Resolution No. 2023-25**

**A Resolution to grant staff the authority to exercise eminent domain on a portion of Florence County Tax Map Parcel 90168-02-022.**



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Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-25 and Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-25 was passed.

**Resolution No. 2023-26**

**A Resolution to appoint Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. as the City Attorney and authorize the City Manager to execute the negotiated contract for services.**

Pro tem Jebaily made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2023-26 and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously (7-0) in favor of the motion. Resolution No. 2023-26 was passed.

**Personnel Matter**

Councilman McCall made a motion to adjust the City Manager's salary to be raised by 4%, effective at the same time the City employees receive their raises and Councilwoman NeSmith-Jackson seconded the motion.

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

**ADJOURN**

Without objection, the May 8, 2023 Regular meeting of City Council was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

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Casey C. Moore, Municipal Clerk

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Teresa Myers Ervin, Mayor



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** May 8, 2023  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Planning, Research & Development

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

An Ordinance authorizing the City to extend the lease on the real estate known as 228A West Darlington Street and designated as Tax Parcel 90086-02-004 in the records of the Florence County Tax Assessor to Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority under the terms and conditions set out in the written First Amendment to the Lease Attached as Exhibit A to this ordinance.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

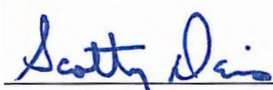
1. On November 14, 2016, City Council approved Ordinance No. 2016-42 to authorize the lease of this property to PDRTA for a term of 120 months (ten years) with the option to renew the agreement for successive five-year terms.
2. On June 11, 2018, City Council approved Ordinance No. 2018-18 to extend the lease on this property to extend the lease for the term to 240 months (twenty years) with the option to renew the agreement for successive five-year terms.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. The PDRTA makes the request to extend the lease to expire June 30, 2045 with the option to renew the agreement for successive five-year terms.
2. The extension of the Lease will provide PDRTA with the continued opportunity to receive matching funds from the Federal Government and will allow the PDRTA to meet the requirements and guidelines that are mandatory.
3. The extension of the Lease will also provide PDRTA the right to access the storage area shown on "Exhibit A".
4. The PDRTA will continue to use the leased premises for a transfer center and/or bus depot for PDRTA vehicles and riders.
5. Other than agreed upon funding, all expense, costs, and related improvements will be the responsibility of the PDRTA.
6. The Lease requires PDRTA to be responsible for all maintenance, repairs, utility costs, tax costs and associated expense related to the premises and their operations thereon.
7. The property will remain titled to the City.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Ordinance
2. Exhibit A – proposed changes

  
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Scotty Davis  
Deputy City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO EXTEND THE LEASE ON THE REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS 228A WEST DARLINGTON STREET AND DESIGNATED AS TAX PARCEL 90086-02-004 IN THE RECORDS OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR TO PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THE WRITTEN FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A TO THIS ORDINANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, after due consideration, the City has concluded that the real estate described in the Lease set out in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is not presently needed for City use; and

**WHEREAS**, we hereby find that the extension of the lease terms and use of said real estate for the improvements and alterations of the transfer center for the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority which provides essential public transportation needs within the greater Florence community is in the best interest and to the benefit of the citizens of the City of Florence;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Florence in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof:

1. That pursuant to §5-7-260(6) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and §2-26(8) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Florence, the City Manager of the City of Florence is hereby authorized to execute the Amendment to the Lease attached hereto as Exhibit A and such other documentation as needed in order to lease the property described in said Lease to Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority in order to facilitate the continuation of the Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority as described in the Lease Amendment.
2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence.

**ADOPTED this 12th day of June 2023**

**Approved as to form:**

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**BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**

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**TERESA MYERS ERVIN**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CASEY C. MOORE**  
**MUNICIPAL CLERK**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF FLORENCE )

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO  
AGREEMENT OF LEASE**

This First Amendment to the Lease Agreement previously executed by the parties hereto on June 26, 2018 is entered into effective as of the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 by and between The City of Florence, with it its principal place of business in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina, herein after called the “LANDLORD”, and Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority, hereinafter collectively called the “TENANT”.

**WITNESSETH:**

For an in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, to be kept and performed by the TENANT, the Lease Agreement previously executed on June 26, 2018, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby amended as follows:

(A) The terms and conditions contained in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of said Lease are hereby amended to read in their entirety as follows:

“2. TERM: The term of this lease shall begin upon the execution of this Amendment and shall terminate on June 30, 2045. With the consent of the LANDLORD, the TENANT shall have the option to renew this Agreement for successive five year terms. The LANDLORD shall have final approval over the renewability of the Agreement and said approval shall not be withheld unreasonably.

RENT: The TENANT shall pay the LANDLORD rent in the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, said rental to be paid in one lump sum of Ten and no/100<sup>th</sup> (\$10.00) Dollars at the time of the execution of this Lease, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

3. IMPROVEMENT AND USE OF PREMISES: The LANDLORD specifically consents to any and all alterations and improvements of leased property, and the leased premises shall be improved and used by the TENANT as follows:

(a) The LANDLORD agrees to release the right to access the storage area shown on “Exhibit A” to be made available for TENANT to make any and all alterations and improvements by TENANT.

(b) The TENANT will use the leased premises to make the necessary

alterations and improvements for the support services of the transfer center and or bus depot for PDRTA vehicles and riders.

(c) The expenses and costs related to alteration(s) or improvement(s) to the storage areas is the sole responsibility of the TENANT, and no liens, mortgages, or other legal liabilities shall be attach to leased property as a result of alteration(s) or improvement(s) by the TENANT. LANDLORD agrees to provide partial funding as agreed to assist in renovations.

(d) The TENANT shall be responsible for all operational and maintenance costs associated with the property. TENANT agrees to keep property maintained in a reasonable fashion.”

(B) Except for the amendments specified above, all remaining terms and conditions of the Lease Agreement dated June 26, 2018 shall remain in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the LANDLORD and TENANT subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

**WITNESSES:**

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**LANDLORD:**

**City of Florence, SC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RANDALL S. OSTERMAN  
City Manager

**TENANT:**

**Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF FLORENCE )

**PROBATE**  
(City of Florence)

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a notary public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned witness, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows: s/he is not a party or beneficiary of the transaction for which this instrument has been executed; s/he saw Randall S. Osterman as City Manager of the **City of Florence** who s/he personally knows or has identified through satisfactory evidence, sign, seal and deliver the foregoing **Lease** as the act and deed of the **City of Florence** that s/he together with the second subscribing witness witnessed the execution thereof.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

SWORN TO and subscribed before me  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF FLORENCE )

**PROBATE**  
(Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority)

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, a notary public, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned witness, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said as follows: s/he is not a party or beneficiary of the transaction for which this instrument has been executed; s/he saw \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of **Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority** who s/he personally knows or has identified through satisfactory evidence, sign, seal and deliver the foregoing **Lease** as the act and deed of the **Pee Dee Regional Transit Authority** and that s/he together with the second subscribing witness witnessed the execution thereof.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

SWORN TO and subscribed before me  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_





Leased property designated by yellow shading.

Area of building designated by red shall be released by City for PDRTA use and improvement.



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** May 8, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance to Annex and Zone 136 Wilson Road, TMN 90097-01-022

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Department of Planning, Research & Development

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Request to annex the lot located at 136 Wilson Road, Tax Map Number 90097-01-022, into the City of Florence and assign it the zoning designation NC-10, Neighborhood Conservation-10. The request is being made by the property owner.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

On April 11, 2023, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter, and voted unanimously, 7-0, to recommend the zoning request of NC-10, Neighborhood Conservation-10.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

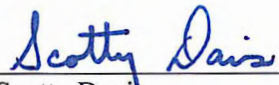
- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) City water and sewer services are currently available; there is no cost to extend utilities.
- (3) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the April 11, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.
- (4) City staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property NC-10, Neighborhood Conservation-10.

**IV. PERSONAL NOTES:**

**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Vicinity Map
- (3) Annexation Petition

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clint Moore  
Assistant City Manager

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Scotty Davis  
Deputy City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE 136 WILSON ROAD, TMN 90097-01-022.**

**WHEREAS,** a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on April 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission, and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS,** application by George Quinn Scipio III, owner of TMN 90097-01-022 was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid property be incorporated into 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 given the zoning district classification of NC-10:

**The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90097, block 01, parcel 022 (0.257196 acre).**

**Any portions of public rights-of-way abutting the property described above will be 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 THERE OF:**

- 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 in 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.**

EXECUTED ON ONE (1) ADDITIONAL PAGE

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin T. Zeigler,  
**City Attorney**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Myers Ervin,  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey C. Moore,  
**Municipal Clerk**





STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

Petition requesting Florence City Council to enact an Ordinance annexing the area described below, that area being the same property as shown by the map prepared by the City of Florence Planning, Research, and Development Department, attached and incorporated by reference herein:

The undersigned freeholder property owner(s) hereby respectfully certifies, petitions, and requests of the City Council of Florence as follows:

1. The petitioners are the sole owner(s) of real estate in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina which property lies adjacent and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Florence.
2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:  
Florence County Tax Map Number: 90097-01-022
3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes: City services
4. That the petitioner(s) request that the City Council of Florence annex the above described property in accordance with subsection 31 of 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina for 1976, such section allowing the annexation of an area without the necessity of an election and referendum.

To the Petitioner: The following information needs to be completed for submittal to the City of Florence and other government agencies for records prior to and after annexation.

Total Residents	<u>1</u>	Race	<u>Black</u>
Total 18 and Over	<u>1</u>	Total Registered to Vote	<u>1</u>

APPLICANT (S) (Please print or type):

Name(s): George Quinn Scipio III  
Address: 136 Wilson Road  
Telephone Numbers: 843-229-8838 [work] \_\_\_\_\_ [home]  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature George Quinn Scipio III Date 3/1/2023

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY
Date <u>3/1/23</u>	<u>az</u>



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** May 8, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** An Ordinance to adopt the City of Florence 2020 Comprehensive Plan and 2020 Downtown Master Plan.

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** *Department of Planning, Research & Development*

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

An Ordinance to adopt the City of Florence 2020 Comprehensive Plan and 2020 Downtown Master Plan.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

On April 11, 2023, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the 2020 Comprehensive Plan and voted unanimously, 7-0, to recommend the adoption by City Council.

The final drafts of the Downtown Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan are located on the City of Florence's website.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- (1) The Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan is a collective vision for the future that outlines realistic goals and suggests strategies for obtaining them. It is a plan for guiding development and redevelopment over a twenty-year period. A strong Comprehensive Plan is one based upon input from community stakeholders, city staff, residents, and public officials. The backbone of all healthy, thriving communities is a current, relevant comprehensive plan.
- (2) City staff worked with Kendig Keast Collaborative (KKC), APD Urban Planning and Management (APD) and CDM Smith to develop the Comprehensive Plan and provide public outreach during the process.
- (3) Development of the Comprehensive Plan began in February, 2020, and was significantly delayed due to the pandemic.
- (4) Public meetings with residents, city staff, stakeholders, focus groups and public officials were held in-person and virtually throughout the development of the Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan.
- (5) Housing and neighborhoods, historic and cultural resources, downtown revitalization, city-wide economic development, community character, property development/redevelopment and transportation were the focus of the discussions to identify areas for improvement, and strategic goals and initiatives that would facilitate the advancement of these identified areas.
- (6) The draft Comprehensive Plan was presented to City Council and various department directors during the council retreat in February, 2023. It was then presented to members of the council in joint meetings with members of the Planning Commission in March, 2023. Additionally, the Comprehensive Plan was made public on the City's website in February to allow further comment and input from our stakeholders and residents.
- (7) The Comprehensive Plan consists of nine chapters:

1. **Plan Introduction** – this chapter provides a baseline of why we develop a Comprehensive Plan, how best to use and apply the plan, introduces the plan elements, and establishes our guiding principles.
2. **Growth Capacity** – this chapter establishes a framework on expected growth and how to meet the capacity demands the City will see in the future. Areas of focus will be on the expansion and focus of annexation, growth and fiscal management of the utility in conjunction with development and redevelopment, stormwater management, and economic and fiscal resilience.
3. **Land Use and Development** – this chapter focuses on the considerations and vision of growth, development (residential and commercial), and zoning. Concerns with sprawl, quality, and sustainable residential housing is addressed providing programs and initiatives that are recommended. Additionally, continued focus on the city’s gateways and corridors is addressed.
4. **Housing and Neighborhoods** – unlike many communities the City of Florence emphasizes its housing and neighborhoods and identifies that it is a key economic driver for our city and region. Continued focus on our historic neighborhoods and its redevelopment are emphasized, along with further emphasis on infill and growing residential construction in and around downtown.
5. **Transportation** – this chapter emphasizes the collaboration with the many organizations that take the lead in the areas of public transportation, the maintenance of our corridors, and how and where there are opportunities for the City of Florence to implement programs and initiatives. Areas identified for improvements and continued partnerships include our public transit system, gateways and corridors, pedestrian and bicycle connections, and the trail system.
6. **Economic Development** – this chapter focuses on the operation, maintenance, and expansion of our utility system and role it plays in the area of economic development, reinforcement of Florence’s position as the economic hub of the Pee Dee, continued partnerships with primary, secondary, and higher education leaders, and continued efforts with our downtown redevelopment.
7. **Recreation and Amenities** – focusing on the previous success of the many new facilities and reinvestment seen within our sports complexes, parks, and community centers, this chapter looks to build upon those efforts and establish new goals and initiatives for our trail system, bike and pedestrian access, continued reinvestment within our parks, and continued efforts in creating amenities for our residents and visitors.
8. **Plan Implementation** – this chapter outlines and highlights how the city and its partners can best implement the goals and initiatives throughout the Comprehensive Plan. It provides a timeline and suggested objectives that the city should focus on year one, years two through four, and then from five years out.
9. **Existing City Report** – the existing city report provides a snapshot of the current physical, fiscal, and demographic status of the city and anticipated projections on different aspects that influence our growth and development.

**IV. PERSONAL NOTES:**

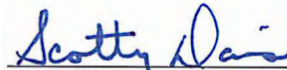
**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

(1) Ordinance



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Clint Moore  
Assistant City Manager



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Scotty Davis  
Deputy City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE CITY OF FLORENCE 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND THE DOWNTOWN FLORENCE MASTER PLAN:**

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held in the City Center Council Chambers on April 11, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the need for a comprehensive plan update to provide guidance in matters of public affairs in accordance with section 6-29-510 of the South Carolina Code of Laws;

**WHEREAS**, the City has included with the 2020 Comprehensive Plan the Downtown Master Plan;

**WHEREAS**, we hereby find and conclude that the adoption of this Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan a necessary step to assist us in guiding growth and development and planning for governmental functions that will help enable the citizens of the City of Florence to have an improved quality of life;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Florence, in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that the 2020 Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Master Plan, attached hereto, be, and the same is hereby, adopted.

That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days after 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023**

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin T. Zeigler,  
**City Attorney**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Myers Ervin,  
**Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey C. Moore,  
**Municipal Clerk**

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** June 12, 2023  
**AGENDA ITEM:** FY 2023-24 Budget Ordinance  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Finance

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

For City Council consideration is the adoption of Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budgets for the City of Florence.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

FY 2023-24 budget development began in February and continued through March and 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 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, 2024, recommended for adoption by the City Council are enclosed for your review.

**IV. OPTIONS:**

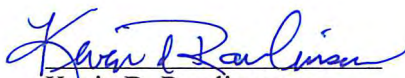
1. Adopt the budget.
2. Modification of the budgets as presented.


**V. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adoption of the FY2023/24 budgets as recommended.

**VI. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. The FY2023/24 budget ordinance is attached.

  
Kevin D. Rawlinson  
Chief Financial Officer

  
Randall S. Osterman  
City Manager



**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-**

**AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.**

**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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$48,661,500.
- (b) Further, there is hereby adopted a General Fund Debt Service Fund budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$694,000.
- (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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$43,899,980.
- (d) 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$1,745,000.
- (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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$12,279,000.

- (f) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$1,814,050.
- (g) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Equipment Replacement Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$250,000.
- (h) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Construction budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$204,000.
- (i) Further, there is hereby adopted a Hospitality Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$5,699,000. Authorized as part of this ordinance and incorporated into the Hospitality Fund budget is a commitment by the City of Florence to contribute to the operations and maintenance costs of the Florence County Museum for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and for future fiscal years through June 30, 2025 pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Florence County and the City of Florence dated April 25, 2013.

## **Section 2**

In accordance with § 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (as amended), a tax for general operating purposes for the period from July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 sixty-four and one-tenth (64.1) 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 tax is composed of the existing rate of 59.1 mills plus an additional 5.0 mills, as allowed in § 6-1-320 (A)(1) and § 6-1-320 (A)(2) of the SC Code of Laws, and such tax is levied on property assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

## **Section 3**

In accordance with 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, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, 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 and paying for general obligation bond debt of the municipality. Such tax is levied on property that is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

#### **Section 4**

In accordance with § 23-47-10 through § 23-47-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (as amended), and § 14-93 through § 14-98 of the City of Florence, SC Code of ordinances (as amended), funding is and shall be provided to allow for the operation, maintenance, and enhancements of the E-911 system through a monthly charge of seventy-seven cents (\$0.77) upon each local exchange access line in the area served by or which would be served by the E-911 service and/or system of the City. Such charges are specifically enforceable under § 23-47-50 (B) of the SC Code of Laws. E-911 fees collected by the City of Florence shall be used to fund the acquisition of Police and Fire communications equipment in compliance with § 23-47-40 (B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

#### **Section 5**

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 6**

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 as presented or amended by City Council for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. This action further constitutes a resolution of City Council authorizing and approving such equipment for lease-purchase acquisition, and this ordinance shall serve as representation of this resolution.

#### **Section 7**

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 8**

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 9**

That this Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2023.

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.**

**Approved as to form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin T. Zeigler  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Myers Ervin  
Mayor

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey C. Moore  
Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** June 12, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** An Ordinance to amend Article IV of Chapter 2 specifically Section 2-206 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances amending the designated areas to include the East Palmetto Corridor within municipal limits.

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Planning, Research & Development

**SPONSOR:** Mayor, Teresa Myers Ervin

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Proposed text amendment to Chapter 2, Article IV Section 2-206, City of Florence Code of Ordinances related the designated area and specific eligibility requirements.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

(1) No previous action has been taken.


**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

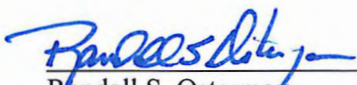
- (1) This request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) The text amendment was prepared by the Planning, Research & Development Department upon recommendation to create a mechanism for incentives to facilitate the improvement of the East Palmetto Street corridor.

**IV. PERSONAL NOTES:**

**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

- (1) Proposed text amendments
- (2) Ordinance
- (3) Boundary Map

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Clint Moore  
Assistant City Manager

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Randall S. Osterman  
City Manager



Attachment 1) Proposed Amendment Additions

**Proposed Amendment to Chapter 2, Article IV Section 2-260**

Additions have been highlighted.

**Sec. 2-206. - Specific eligibility criteria.**

Within the designated areas identified below, in addition to the general criteria set out in Section 2-205, city council shall consider the specific requirements and criteria enumerated in the chart below which are designed to address the needs of the specific geographic areas and the respective master plan and/or redevelopment plan pertaining to the designated areas.

Designated Areas	Requirements/Specific Criteria
Historic Overlay District	(a) Threshold investment as described in Sec. 2-205(c) of at least \$250,000.00 in the Historic Overlay District. <sup>1</sup>
	(b) Whether the proposed project calls for redevelopment of historical properties in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
	(c) The extent to which the proposed project furthers the goals for the redevelopment of the Historic District as established in the Master Plan and in the Ordinances establishing and governing the H-1 Overlay District.
	(d) The extent to which the proposed project positively impacts the real property value of the parcels involved, results in an incremental increase in the district, and results in increased revenues for the City.
	(e) The risk being assumed by the developer to undertake the proposed project given the status of the redevelopment efforts in the district.
	(f) The anticipated positive impact on surrounding properties and the area in general.
	(g) The anticipated retention of or creation of jobs involved in the proposed project provided and the pay level of such jobs.
	(h) Whether residential development proposals are in compliance with the Master Plan adopted by the City and create market rate housing.
TIF District - Outside Historic District designated above	(a) Threshold investment as described in Sec. 2-205(c) of at least \$1,000,000.00. <sup>2</sup>

	(b) The project shall be for commercial development or for residential development involving multiple residential units.
	(c) The extent to which the proposed project furthers the goals for the redevelopment of the downtown area as established in the Master Plan and in the Ordinances establishing and governing the overlay district in which the project is located.
	(c) The extent to which the proposed project positively impacts the real property value of the parcels involved and results in an incremental increase in the district, and results in increased revenues for the City.
	(d) The risk being assumed by the developer to undertake the proposed project given the status of the redevelopment efforts in the district.
	(e) The anticipated positive impact on surrounding parcels.
	(f) The anticipated retention of or creation of jobs involved in the proposed project and the pay level of such jobs.
	(g) Whether residential development proposals are in compliance with the Master Plan adopted by the City and create market rate housing.
CDBG Area — Outside the Historic District	(a) Threshold investment as described in Sec. 2-205(c) of at least \$500,000.00. <sup>3</sup>
	(b) The project shall be for commercial development or for residential development involving multiple residential units.
	(c) The extent to which the proposed project furthers the goals for the redevelopment of the CDBG area as established in the CDBG 5-Year Comprehensive Plan and in the Ordinances establishing and governing any overlay district in which the project is located.
	(d) The extent to which the proposed project positively impacts the real property value of the parcels involved and results in an incremental increase in the district, and results in increased revenues for the City.
	(e) The risk being assumed by the developer to undertake the proposed project given the status of the redevelopment efforts in the district.
	(f) The anticipated positive impact on surrounding parcels.
	(g) The anticipated retention of or creation of jobs involved in the proposed project and the pay level of such jobs.

East Palmetto Corridor- Outside TIF District and Historic District	(a) The boundaries of the East Palmetto Corridor designated area are defined as the parcels abutting the right of way along East Palmetto from S. Church Street to Old Mars Bluff Road and are limited to those properties within municipal limits.
	(b) Threshold investment as described in Sec. 2-205(c) of at least \$5,000.00 and a maximum of \$20,000.00, with property owner, business owner, and/or developer providing a 1:1 match.
	(c) The project shall be for commercial development only.
	(d) The extent to which the proposed project furthers the goals for the Comprehensive Plan.
	(e) The extent to which the proposed project positively impacts the real property value of the parcels involved and results in an incremental increase in the district, and results in increased revenues for the City.
	(f) The risk being assumed by the property owner, business owner, and/or developer to undertake the proposed project given the status of the corridor enhancement efforts along this corridor.
	(g) The anticipated positive impact on surrounding parcels.
	(f) The anticipated retention of or creation of jobs involved in the proposed project and the pay level of such jobs.

<sup>1</sup> The minimum threshold investment requirements set out in this chart for each of the eligible districts shall not apply to the low interest loan pool and the facade grant program that may be established by the city later.

<sup>2</sup> See Footnote Number 1.

<sup>3</sup> See Footnote Number 1.



**ORDINANCE NO. 2023\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 2 SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-206 OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING THE DESIGNATED AREAS TO INCLUDE THE EAST PALMETTO CORRIDOR WITHIN MUNICIPAL LIMITS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence wishes to create and maintain a safe, efficient, functional and attractive corridor entering the central business district and build upon the goals and initiatives outlined within the Comprehensive Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence is focused on assisting in the redevelopment of properties along the East Palmetto Street Corridor within its municipal limits;

**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 the text of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances Article IV of Chapter 2, Section 2-206 will read in whole as follows (additions have been underlined):

**Sec. 2-206. - Specific eligibility criteria.**

Within the designated areas identified below, in addition to the general criteria set out in Section 2-205, city council shall consider the specific requirements and criteria enumerated in the chart below which are designed to address the needs of the specific geographic areas and the respective master plan and/or redevelopment plan pertaining to the designated areas.

Designated Areas	Requirements/Specific Criteria
Historic Overlay District	(a) Threshold investment as described in Sec. 2-205(c) of at least \$250,000.00 in the Historic Overlay District. <sup>1</sup>
	(b) Whether the proposed project calls for redevelopment of historical properties in accordance with criteria established by the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
	(c) The extent to which the proposed project furthers the goals for the redevelopment of the Historic District as established in the Master Plan and in the Ordinances establishing and governing the H-1 Overlay District.
	(d) The extent to which the proposed project positively impacts the real property value of the parcels involved, results in an incremental increase in the district, and results in increased revenues for the City.

	(e) The risk being assumed by the developer to undertake the proposed project given the status of the redevelopment efforts in the district.
	(f) The anticipated positive impact on surrounding properties and the area in general.
	(g) The anticipated retention of or creation of jobs involved in the proposed project provided and the pay level of such jobs.
	(h) Whether residential development proposals are in compliance with the Master Plan adopted by the City and create market rate housing.
TIF District - Outside Historic District designated above	(a) Threshold investment as described in Sec. 2-205(c) of at least \$1,000,000.00. <sup>2</sup>
	(b) The project shall be for commercial development or for residential development involving multiple residential units.
	(c) The extent to which the proposed project furthers the goals for the redevelopment of the downtown area as established in the Master Plan and in the Ordinances establishing and governing the overlay district in which the project is located.
	(c) The extent to which the proposed project positively impacts the real property value of the parcels involved and results in an incremental increase in the district, and results in increased revenues for the City.
	(d) The risk being assumed by the developer to undertake the proposed project given the status of the redevelopment efforts in the district.
	(e) The anticipated positive impact on surrounding parcels.
	(f) The anticipated retention of or creation of jobs involved in the proposed project and the pay level of such jobs.
	(g) Whether residential development proposals are in compliance with the Master Plan adopted by the City and create market rate housing.
CDBG Area — Outside the Historic District	(a) Threshold investment as described in Sec. 2-205(c) of at least \$500,000.00. <sup>3</sup>
	(b) The project shall be for commercial development or for residential development involving multiple residential units.



	(c) The extent to which the proposed project furthers the goals for the redevelopment of the CDBG area as established in the CDBG 5-Year Comprehensive Plan and in the Ordinances establishing and governing any overlay district in which the project is located.
	(d) The extent to which the proposed project positively impacts the real property value of the parcels involved and results in an incremental increase in the district, and results in increased revenues for the City.
	(e) The risk being assumed by the developer to undertake the proposed project given the status of the redevelopment efforts in the district.
	(f) The anticipated positive impact on surrounding parcels.
	(g) The anticipated retention of or creation of jobs involved in the proposed project and the pay level of such jobs.
<u>East Palmetto Corridor- Outside TIF District and Historic District</u>	(a) <u>The boundaries of the East Palmetto Corridor designated area are defined as the parcels abutting the right of way along East Palmetto from S. Church Street to Old Mars Bluff Road and are limited to those properties within municipal limits.</u>
	(b) <u>Threshold investment as described in Sec. 2-205(c) of at least \$5,000.00 and a maximum of \$20,000.00, with property owner, business owner, and/or developer providing a 1:1 match.</u>
	(c) <u>The project shall be for commercial development only.</u>
	(d) <u>The extent to which the proposed project furthers the goals for the Comprehensive Plan.</u>
	(e) <u>The extent to which the proposed project positively impacts the real property value of the parcels involved and results in an incremental increase in the district, and results in increased revenues for the City.</u>
	(f) <u>The risk being assumed by the property owner, business owner, and/or developer to undertake the proposed project given the status of the corridor enhancement efforts along this corridor.</u>
	(g) <u>The anticipated positive impact on surrounding parcels.</u>
	(f) <u>The anticipated retention of or creation of jobs involved in the proposed project and the pay level of such jobs.</u>

<sup>1</sup> The minimum threshold investment requirements set out in this chart for each of the eligible districts shall not apply to the low interest loan pool and the facade grant program that may be established by the city later.

<sup>2</sup> See Footnote Number 1.

<sup>3</sup> See Footnote Number 1.

2. That this Ordinance, and the amendments contained herein, shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence.

**ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023**

**Approved as to form:**

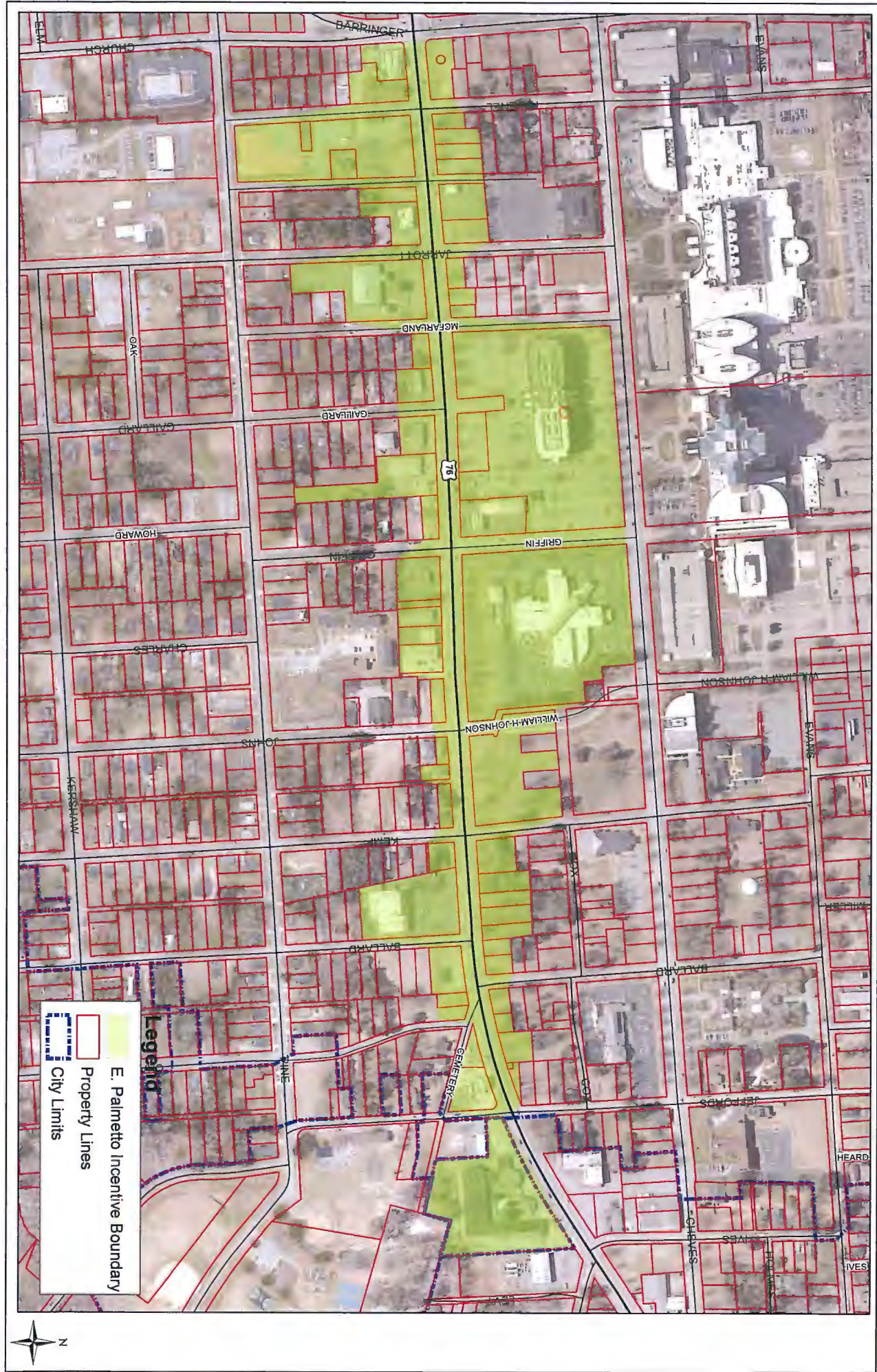
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Benjamin T. Zeigler,  
**City Attorney**

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Teresa Myers Ervin,  
**Mayor**




**Attest:**

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Casey C. Moore,  
**Municipal Clerk**





**Legend**

-  E. Palmetto Incentive Boundary
-  Property Lines
-  City Limits





FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** June 12, 2023

**AGENDA ITEM:** An Ordinance to Annex and Zone property owned by The Grove at Ebenezer, LLC and located on Pine Needles Road being a portion of TMN 00075-01-221.

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Department of Planning, Research & Development

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Request to annex Phase IV of The Grove at Ebenezer, a 25 acre portion of Tax Map Number 00075-01-221, into the City of Florence and zone to (PDD) Planned Development District. The request is being made by the property owner, The Grove at Ebenezer, LLC.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

- (1) On May 9, 2016, City Council adopted Ordinance 2016-17 entering into a development agreement (signed by all parties August 23, 2016) with the developer of "The Grove at Ebenezer" and established the zoning of the property as PDD, pending annexation. The development agreement requires annexation of the property prior to development activity.
- (2) Public hearings were held on April 12, 2016 and May 9, 2016 regarding the zoning and development agreement.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- (1) This request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) The lot is currently vacant.
- (3) The intended development for the tract is 74 single family residential lots.
- (4) City water service is currently available; sewer service will be extended by the developer from the adjacent parcel per the approved development agreement dated August 23, 2016.
- (5) The subdivision of the property will be reviewed by the City of Florence Planning Commission under sketch plan review, followed by development plan review.
- (6) City Staff recommends annexation and zoning of the property to (PDD) Planned Development District.

**IV. PERSONAL NOTES:**

**V. ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Ordinance
- B. Vicinity Map of Proposed Annexation
- C. Plat of Parcel
- D. Petition for Annexation



Clint Moore  
Assistant City Manager



Randall S. Osterman  
City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-\_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE GROVE AT EBENEZER, LLC AND LOCATED ON PINE NEEDLES ROAD, A PORTION OF TMN 00075-01-221.**

**WHEREAS,** a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on April 12, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS,** the second of two Public Hearings was held in the Council Chambers on May 9, 2016 at 1:00 P.M. before the City of Florence City Council and notice of said hearing was duly given;

**WHEREAS,** application by The Grove at Ebenezer, LLC, owner of TMN 00075-01-221, 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 **(PDD) Planned Development District:**

**The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00075, block 01, parcel 221 (portion) (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.

EXECUTED ON ONE (1) ADDITIONAL PAGE



ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

Approved as to form:

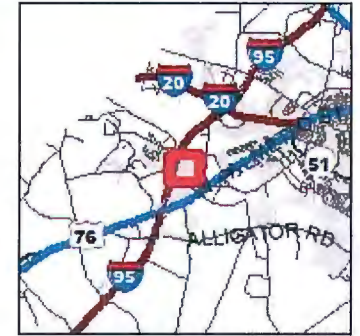
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**Benjamin T. Zeigler**  
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**Teresa Myers Ervin**  
Mayor



**Attest:**

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**Casey C. Moore**  
Municipal Clerk

# Vicinity Map - The Grove at Ebenezer Phase IV

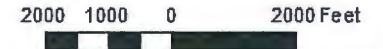


## Legend

-  Parcels
-  Portion to be Annexed and Zoned PUD



**DISCLAIMER:**  
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Date: 6/6/2023





STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

Petition requesting Florence City Council to enact an Ordinance annexing the area described below, that area being the same property as shown by the map prepared by the City of Florence Planning, Research, and Development Department, attached and incorporated by reference herein:

The undersigned freeholder property owner(s) hereby respectfully certifies, petitions, and requests of the City Council of Florence as follows:

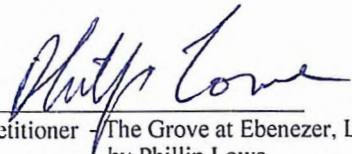
1. The petitioners are the sole owner(s) of real estate in the County of Florence, State of South Carolina which property lies adjacent and contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Florence.
2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:  
Annex 25 acres for the Grove Phase IV. The proposed tract is part of The Grove at Ebenezer - PDD 2016-1. See attached plan.
3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:  
Phase IV of the Grove Development to include +/- 74 single family homes.
4. That the petitioner(s) request that the City Council of Florence annex the above described property in accordance with subsection 31 of 5-3-150(3) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina for 1976, such section allowing the annexation of an area without the necessity of an election and referendum.

To the Petitioner: The following information needs to be completed for submittal to the City of Florence and other government agencies for records prior to and after annexation.

Total Residents	<u>+/- 148 Residents - Phase IV</u>
Race	<u>Mixed</u>
Total 18 and Over	<u>Future</u>
Total Registered to Vote	<u>Future</u>

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

  
Petitioner The Grove at Ebenezer, L LC  
by Phillip Lowe  
507 W. Cheves St., | Florence SC 29501  
Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Date <u>03</u>	<u>6-1-23</u>



FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** June 12, 2023  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Ordinance  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** City Council  
Sponsored by Councilman Chaquez McCall

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

An ordinance to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of the City of Florence Code of Ordinances to allow fireworks on private property on July 4-5 and December 31-January 1.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

1. It is currently unlawful for any person to set off or explode within the city any bomb, rocket, firecracker, or any other kind of fireworks in the City of Florence.
2. Fireworks displays are controlled by the state fire marshal.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. This bill will prohibit the use, fire, shoot, discharge, or ignite of any fireworks or similar explosives within the city limits, except: On July 4 and December 31 on which dates the hours of lawful use will be from 10am on July 4 until 12:30 a.m. on July 5 and from 10am December 31 until 12:30 a.m. on January 1.

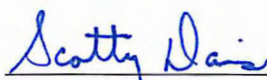
**IV. OPTIONS:**

City Council may:

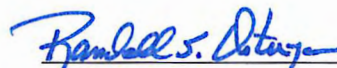
1. Approve and adopt the ordinance.
2. Deny the ordinance.
3. Suggest an alternative ordinance.

**VI. ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Ordinance



Scotty Davis  
Deputy City Manager



Randall S. Osterman  
City Manager



**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 8-3 OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "FIREWORKS" TO ALLOW FIREWORKS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY ON JULY 4-5 AND DECEMBER 31- JANUARY 1 IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE.**

**WHEREAS**, in the current Section 8-3, It is unlawful for any person to set off or explode within the city any bomb, rocket, firecracker, or any other kind of fireworks; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Florence desires to allow fireworks on private property on specific days to include July 4-5 and December 31-January 1.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Florence in a meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof:

1. That the provisions of Section 8-3 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Florence be, and the same are hereby, amended to read in whole as follows:

**Sec. 8-3. - Fireworks**

It shall be unlawful for any person:

- (1) To use, fire, shoot, discharge, or ignite any fireworks or similar explosives on any public street or right-of-way, public park, and other public property at any time within the city;
- (2) To use, fire, shoot, discharge, or ignite any fireworks or similar explosives on private property within the city limits, except: On July 4 and December 31 on which dates the hours of lawful use will be from 10am on July 4 until 12:30 a.m. on July 5 and from 10am December 31 until 12:30 a.m. on January 1.
- (3) To use, fire, shoot, discharge, or ignite fireworks or similar explosives if a person is under the age of 18 years, unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian;
- (4) To shoot, fire, discharge, or throw fireworks or similar explosives at or toward any person, animal, structure, or vehicle;
- (5) To use, fire, shoot, discharge, or ignite any fireworks within or throw fireworks or similar explosives from a vehicle;
- (6) To use, fire, shoot, discharge, or ignite any fireworks or similar explosives within 500 feet of a church, hospital, asylum, or school; and
- (7) To use, fire, shoot, discharge, or ignite any fireworks or similar explosives within 300 feet of gasoline stations or other businesses where gasoline and/or other flammable liquids or gases are sold or stored.

A violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$250.00 for a first violation. Each subsequent violation occurring within 12 months of another violation is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500.00. The fines prescribed by this section are in addition to all local, state, and federal assessments.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the use of fireworks in a public display with the written consent of the chief fire official for the city, or designee, which the chief fire official, or designee, may, in his or her discretion, grant or refuse to grant subject to the restrictions and limitations of this section as well as any other restrictions and limitations as the chief fire official, or designee, deems to be in the best interests of the city.

Fireworks prohibited zones, as provided in S.C. Code, § 23-35-175, are governed by state law.

- 2. That this Ordinance, and the amendments contained herein, shall become effective immediately upon its approval and adoption.

**ADOPTED THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.**

**Approved as to Form:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin T. Zeigler  
City Attorney

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Myers Ervin  
Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey C. Moore  
Municipal Clerk

VIII. a.  
Resolution No.  
2023-31

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** June 12, 2023  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** City Council  
Sponsored by Councilman J. Lawrence Smith, II

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

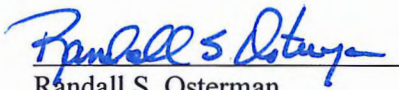
A Resolution to recognize the accomplishments of Jolette Law.

**II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Jolette Law has been in the coaching profession for 29 seasons where she has been a head coach, an associate head coach and an assistant for five different programs including Tennessee, Illinois, Rutgers, Ball State and South Carolina.
2. Florence is Jolette Law's hometown, and she is a graduate of Wilson High School. She was inducted into the Wilson High School Hall of Fame in 2002, was part of the Florence Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2006 and received the honor of a Florence School District One Distinguished Graduate.

**III. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution

  
Randall S. Osterman  
City Manager

(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
( )  
(CITY OF FLORENCE)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOLETTE LAW.**

- WHEREAS,** Jollette Law is widely known and respected in Florence, South Carolina and is a graduate of Wilson High School; and
- WHEREAS,** Jollette lettered in three sports with the Wilson Tigers and was a two-time MVP in track & field as well as a four-time Wilson High School Athlete of the Year. She was also a three-year basketball Kodak All-American from 1984-86 and was the first person to have her jersey retired by the Tigers; and
- WHEREAS** Jollette went on to attend the University of Iowa where she helped the Hawkeyes win four consecutive Big 10 titles and make four trips to the NCAA tournament, earning her induction into the Iowa Athletic Hall of Fame; and
- WHEREAS,** with 29 seasons in the coaching profession, Jollette has seen success throughout her career at Tennessee, Illinois, Rutgers, Ball State and now, South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** Jollette’s track record of success, significant contributions to the game as well as high character, integrity, and respect among colleagues earned her induction into the A STEP UP Assistant Coaches Hall of Fame Class of 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** in her six seasons with the Gamecocks, South Carolina has collected four SEC tournament titles, three SEC regular-season championships, three NCAA Final Four appearances and the 2022 National Championship; and
- WHEREAS,** renowned as one of the best recruiters in the nation, Jollette has been part of landing four top-three classes, including the No. 1 classes in 2019 and 2021 for the Gamecocks; and
- WHEREAS,** Jollette has received deserving recognition in her hometown of Florence for her tremendous athletic accomplishments. She was inducted into the Wilson High School Hall of Fame in 2002, was part of the Florence Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2006 and was also honored as a Florence School District One Distinguished Graduate.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the City Council of the City of Florence, does hereby recognize Jollette Law for her many accomplishments and wish her much success in her future endeavors.

**RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2023.**

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER  
CITY ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
TERESA MYERS ERVIN  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CASEY C. MOORE  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** June 12, 2023  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Planning, Research and Development

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

A Resolution to proclaim June 19-25, 2023 as National Pollinator Week in the City of Florence.

**II. PREVIOUS ACTION:**

1. City Council passed Resolution No. 2019-16 on June 10, 2019, designating the City as a Bee City USA® affiliate.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

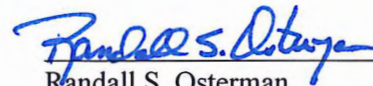
1. The Bee City USA® program, an initiative of the by the Xerces Society, provides a framework for communities to work together to conserve native pollinators by increasing the abundance of native plants, providing nest sites, and reducing the use of pesticides.
2. In order for the City to be eligible for the Bee City USA designation, an educational event or pollinator habitat planting or restoration must be hosted each year to showcase the City of Florence's commitment to raising awareness of pollinator conservation and expanding pollinator health and habitat.
3. As part of National Pollinators Week, the City of Florence will be hosting a Bee City Takeover at the City Center Farmers Market on Saturday, June 24, 2023.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Proposed Resolution



Clint Moore  
Assistant City Manager



Randall S. Osterman  
City Manager



(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
( )  
(CITY OF FLORENCE)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32**

**A Resolution proclaiming June 19-25, 2023 as National Pollinator Week in the City of Florence.**

**WHEREAS,** in 2006, The United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution designating a week in June as “National Pollinator Week” to recognize the importance of pollinators to our ecosystem health and agriculture; and

**WHEREAS,** Pollinator Week has now grown into an international celebration, promoting the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats, beetles and other pollinators; and

**WHEREAS,** a combination of factors, including habitat loss, climate change, invasive species, pests, diseases and risks from pesticides, have led to population and health declines for many pollinator species; and

**WHEREAS,** pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Florence is working to build a healthy, sustainable and wildlife-friendly city that brings the many benefits of nature to all corners of the community; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Florence has been recognized as a Bee City USA by the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation and desires to continue its pollinator friendly ways.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina, hereby declares June 19-25, 2023 as

**NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK**

in the City of Florence, and all citizens are urged to recognize this observance and participate in community activities that support and celebrate pollinator protection.

**AND IT IS SO RESOLVED,** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BENJAMIN T. ZEIGLER  
CITY ATTORNEY

\_\_\_\_\_  
TERESA MYERS ERVIN  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
CASEY C. MOORE  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** June 12, 2023  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Resolution  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Community Services

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

A Resolution to proclaim the month of June as Homeownership Month in the City of Florence.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

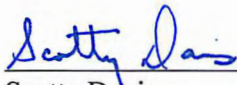
1. On May 31, 2023, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. proclaimed the month of June as National Homeownership Month to recognize the enduring value of homeownership and to recommit ourselves to helping more Americans realize that dream.

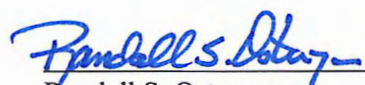
**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

1. Owning a home is at the heart of the American dream and is a source of wealth which individuals can pass down to their children and grandchildren.
2. The Fair Housing Act has been strengthened since its adoption in 1968; however, discrimination in the housing market still creates the inability for individuals and families to secure mortgages and generate wealth.
3. The concept of homeownership is at the core of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy.
4. Proclaiming June as Homeownership Month provides an opportunity for all citizens to recognize that homeownership is becoming more difficult to realize and sustain and to reaffirm our commitment to the dream of homeownership.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Scotty Davis  
Deputy City Manager

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Randall S. Osterman  
City Manager

(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)  
( )  
(CITY OF FLORENCE)

**RESOLUTION 2023-33**

**WHEREAS,** owning a home is at the heart of the American dream and is a source of wealth which individuals can pass down to their children and grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** National Homeownership Month provides an opportunity for all Americans to work together to provide families with the tools and information they need to overcome barriers to homeownership; and

**WHEREAS,** homeownership unites families, empowers communities, and strengthens both local and national economies; and

**WHEREAS,** homeownership encourages personal responsibility and strong values while creating more stable neighborhoods, civic-minded residents, better schools and less crime; and

**WHEREAS,** on May 31, 2023, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. proclaimed the month of June as National Homeownership Month to recognize the enduring value of homeownership and to recommit ourselves to helping more Americans realize that dream.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the City Council of the City of Florence, in the State of South Carolina, does hereby proclaim the month of June as

**“Homeownership Month”**

in the City of Florence and urge all our citizens to join in this effort to reaffirm our individual commitment to support the dream of homeownership.

RESOLVED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2023.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Benjamin T. Zeigler  
City Attorney

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Teresa Myers Ervin  
Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Casey C. Moore  
Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** June 12, 2023  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Report to Council  
**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** City Council

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**I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

Council will consider nominations for City Boards and/or Commissions.

**II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:**

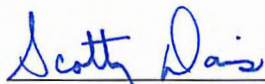
1. There are two (2) Boards or Commissions that have either a vacancy and/or expired term.

**III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

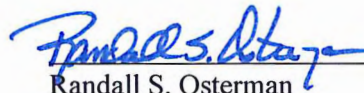
1. Each member of a City of Florence Board or Commission shall be either a resident of the city, a representative of a business or other organization located or operating within the city, or a non-resident having professional qualifications which are required for a position, and, in the council's opinion, there are no acceptable and qualified residents to fill the vacancy.
2. Members of the boards and commissions shall be appointed in consideration of their professional expertise, knowledge of the community, and concern for the future welfare of the total community and its citizens.

**IV. ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Spreadsheet of Council Nominations to Boards and Commissions.
2. Nomination Packet.



Scotty Davis  
Deputy City Manager



Randall S. Osterman  
City Manager



**SCHEDULE OF COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - JUNE 2023**

	District 1	District 2	District 3	At-Large 1	At-Large 2	At-Large-3	Mayor
	Jackson	Smith	Braddock	Jebaily	Barnes	McCall	Ervin
Housing Authority (Resident Commissioner)							x
Florence Center Commission					x		

## FLORENCE CENTER COMMISSION

### **I. NOMINATIONS:**

There is one (1) vacancy\* on the Civic Center Commission.

- \* Ms. Molly Lee has resigned her position on the Commission. The unexpired term of Ms. Lee will expire on June 30, 2026.

### **II. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

City Council appointees must be residents of the city.

### **III. COUNCILMEMBER(S) TO MAKE NOMINATION:**

- Councilwoman Barnes

### **IV. APPLICANT(S):**

- Sonyetta Cooper
- James Hicks

### **V. ATTACHMENTS:**

Resignation letter  
Letter of recommendation  
Applications received

## Randy Osterman

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**From:** Molly Lee <molly@queenbeefloraldesign.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 1:29 PM  
**To:** Randy Osterman  
**Subject:** Florence Center Board

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Thank you for reaching out to me. At this time, I would like to resign from the board. Many thanks,

Molly Lee

Sent from my iPhone



March 14, 2023

Mayor Teresa Myers-Ervin  
Randy Osterman

RE: Board Members

After consulting with the Florence Center Commission Board, Chairman Mark Wade would like to bring a recommendation of removal of member Ms. Molly Lee effective immediately due to failure to meet attendance requirements. Ms. Lee has failed to attend any meeting since her appointment in July 2022.

Through discussion at the March 2023 Board Meeting, it was recommended that Sonyetta Cooper be considered to fill this position. Your prompt action is appreciated as this seat needs to be filled as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mark Wade  
Commission Chairman



# City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

**Board or Commission for which you are applying:**

City-County Civic Center Commission

**Council District County**

District 1

Florence

**Your Name**

Sonyetta Cooper

**Email Address**

sonyettacooper843@yahoo.com

**Residential Address**

511 Maynard Avenue, Florence, South Carolina  
29505-3133

**Mailing Address**

511 Maynard Avenue, Florence, South Carolina  
29505-3133

**Your Occupation - Title**

CEO

**Business Phone**

(843) 245-7371

**Residence Phone**

(843) 601-2894

**Employer Name**

Cooper's Coaching and  
Consulting, LLC

**Employer Address**

307 2nd Loop Rd

**City**

Florence

**State**

South Carolina

## General Qualifications

**Are you a resident of the City?**

Yes

**If so, how Long?**

53

**Why would you like to serve?**

I am concerned about the wellbeing of  
Florence, SC and the day to day functions  
of growth and development.

**Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/  
County/ State? If so, please list:**

No

**Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the  
City/ County/ State?**

Yes

**If so, please list:**

City-County Civic Center  
Commission

**Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board  
that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence? Yes/No**

Yes

**If so, list the position and date:**

Board Member - Helping Florence  
Flourish and NOU 2022

**Are you involved in any Community  
Activities?**

Yes

**If so, please list:**

Volunteer - Homeless  
Shelters, Feeding  
Programs, Elder Care,  
Youth Advocate, SBA  
workshops, AIDSwalk, I  
provide Mentoring,  
Coaching, resources and  
clothing for single  
mothers through my  
business.

**What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?**

To be a voice for the Florence community and to work alongside the Commission Members to increase revenue that will continue the upbuilding of our city.

**I certify that the information above is true and correct.**

**Today's Date**

5/2/2023

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**Information on this form will be considered public.**

**Today's Date**

5/2/2023

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# City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

**Board or Commission for which you are applying:**

City-County Civic Center Commission

**Council District** **County**

District 1

FLORENCE

**Your Name**

James R Hicks

**Email Address**

jh29505@gmail.com

**Residential Address**

1710 RAVEN DRIVE, FLORENCE, South Carolina  
29505

**Mailing Address**

1710 RAVEN DRIVE, FLORENCE, South Carolina  
29505

**Your Occupation - Title**

Retired

**Business Phone**

(843) 319-4561

**Residence Phone**

(843) 319-4561

**Employer Name**

**Employer Address**

1710 RAVEN DRIVE

**City**

Florence

**State**

South Carolina

## General Qualifications

**Are you a resident of the City?**

Yes

**If so, how Long?**

20

**Why would you like to serve?**

Help my community

**Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State?**

Yes

**If so, please list:**

Aesthetics

**Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State?**

No

**If so, please list:**

Aesthetics

**Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence?** **Yes/No**

No

**If so, list the position and date:**

**Are you involved in any Community Activities?**

Yes

**If so, please list:**

President of Huntington  
Home Owners Assoc.

**What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?**

Help make the Florence Center grow

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## HOUSING AUTHORITY

### **I. NOMINATIONS:**

There is one (1) vacancy\* on the Housing Authority.

- \* Ms. Elishann Redden has resigned her position on the board. Ms. Redden served as the resident commissioner on the Board. The unexpired term of Ms. Redden will expire on June 30, 2027.

### **II. APPOINTMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

- At least one of the commissioners appointed shall be a person who is directly assisted by the public housing authority, appointed by the Mayor.

### **III. COUNCILMEMBER(S) TO MAKE NOMINATION:**

- Mayor Ervin

### **IV. APPLICANT(S):**

- Rachel Buie
- Mae Holmes-Lyde
- Vanessa Murray

### **V. ATTACHMENTS:**

- Letters of resignation
- Applications received



Elishann Redden  
320 Troxel Blvd Apt 105  
Florence South Carolina 29501

March 9, 2023

Teresa Myers Ervin  
Office of the Mayor  
City of Florence  
324 West Evans Street  
Florence, South Carolina 29501

The Honorable Mayor Teresa Ervin

I am addressing you at this time to resign as a Residential Commissioner on the Board of the Housing Authority for the City of Florence. I find that I need to step down from my responsibilities on the board due to health reasons. I have enjoyed my time and will miss the opportunity to support my community in this capacity. My resignation is effective immediately.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Elishann Redden

Residential Commissioner

# City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:

Housing Authority

Council District County

District 1

Florence

Your Name

Rachel Buie

Email Address

johnsonrachel23@gmail.com

Residential Address

209 Highhampton Road, Florence, South Carolina  
29501

Mailing Address

209 High Hampton Road, Florence, South Carolina  
29501

Your Occupation - Title

Disable

Business Phone

Residence Phone

(843) 289-2042

Employer Name

Employer Address

City

State

South Carolina

## General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?

Yes

If so, how Long?

4

Why would you like to serve?

I am a resident, and I would like to see some changes how the residents are treated.

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:

No

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:

No

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence? Yes/No

No

If so, list the position and date: Are you involved in any Community Activities? If so, please list:

No

What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?

To work with the other commissioner to make the Housing authority a better place for the resident

# City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:

Housing Authority

Council District County

District 1

Florence

Your Name

Holmes-Lyde Mae Lillian

Email Address

maelide@aol.com

Residential Address

1770-C Lakota Drive, Florence, South Carolina  
29505

Mailing Address

1770-C Lakota Drive, Florence, South Carolina  
29505

Your Occupation - Title

Retired

Business Phone

Residence Phone

(803) 687-8155

Employer Name

Employer Address

City

State

South Carolina

## General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?

Yes

If so, how Long?

65

Why would you like to serve?

-To help address problems facing the HAF  
-Provide a voice to the residents of HAF

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:

No

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State? If so, please list:

No

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence? Yes/No

No

If so, list the position and date:

Are you involved in any Community Activities?

Yes

If so, please list:

My current involvement in the community involves. avid participation in the city council meetings. ( i would gladly speak privately with examples) In addition to this, I observe for conditions or avenues that would assist community members around me; but also new and future residents of Florence.

**What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?**

(1) GOAL: Increase women involvement in Florence (1) OBJECTIVE: Develop a framework and approach with city stakeholders that increases enrichment and involvement

(2) GOAL: Establish direct and long-term relationships with community and board members (2) OBJECTIVE: Participate in the housings' umbrella agenda. Actively engage with site managers and residents via community activities and programs that foster healthy relationships.

**I certify that the information above is true and correct.**

**Today's Date**  
5/2/2023

*Mae L. Holmes-Lyde*

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**Today's Date**  
5/9/2023

*Mae L. Holmes-Lyde*

# City of Florence Boards and Commissions Application

Form Status

Notes:

Board or Commission for which you are applying:

Housing Authority

Council District County

District 1

Florence

Your Name

Vamessa Murray

Email Address

vanessa.murray@coker.edu

Residential Address

713 c Oakland ave, Florence, South Carolina 29506

Mailing Address

713 c Oakland ave, Florence, South Carolina 29506

Your Occupation - Title

Weldon Community Unity Foundation

Business Phone

(843) 206-2572

Residence Phone

(843) 206-2572

Employer Name

Employer Address

713 APT C OAKLAND AV,e

City

Florence

State

South Carolina

## General Qualifications

Are you a resident of the City?

Yes

If so, how Long?

Why would you like to serve?

I am a Resident of Housing Authority and would like to offer my experience in serving residents.

Do you presently serve on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State?

Yes

If so, please list:

Planning Commission

Have you formerly served on any Commissions/ Boards of the City/ County/ State?

Yes

If so, please list:

Housing Authority

Are you currently in a position of responsibility with an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of Florence? Yes/No

No

If so, list the position and date:

Are you involved in any Community Activities?

Yes

If so, please list:

What are your goals and objectives if appointed to the Commission/Board?

As a resident of Housing Authority, I am able to offer insight and resources that are essential to all residents.