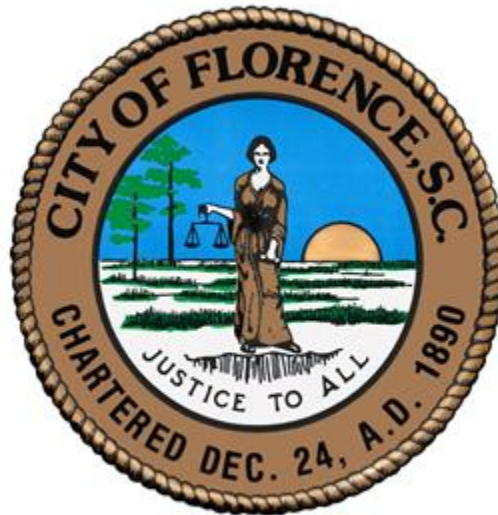


**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**



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

**TUESDAY  
JUNE 20, 2023  
4:00 P.M.**



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TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 – 4:00PM  
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. ORDINANCES IN POSITION**

**a. Bill No. 2023-21 – Second 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.

**b. Bill No. 2023-24 – Second 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.

**IV. 2023 WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND WORKSHOP**

**V. ADJOURN**

III. a.  
Bill No. 2023-21  
Second Reading

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE:** June 20, 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. AMENDMENTS PASSED ON FIRST READING:**

The proposed budget for the Community Programs section of the General Fund budget totaled \$368,800 which staff proposed to be distributed to several non-profit entities in the community that provide services to the citizens of Florence. Council voted on first reading to decrease funding for No One Unsheltered (NOU) Homeless Programs by \$6,200, Florence Family Support Center by \$5,800, and My Brother's Keeper by \$10,000 for a total of \$22,000 decreased from the proposed budget. Council utilized this \$22,000 to provide funding for G-Lab which received \$15,000, the Leatherman Senior Center received \$5,800, and Helping Florence Flourish received \$1,200. NOU will receive \$25,000 and My Brother's Keeper will receive \$20,000 from the city's CDBG budget.

**V. OPTIONS:**

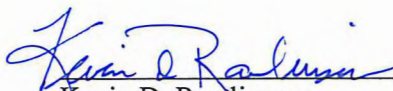
1. Adopt the budget.
2. Modification of the budgets as presented.

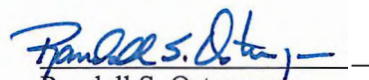
**VI. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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

**VII. 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

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Teresa Myers Ervin  
Mayor

**Attest:**

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

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.

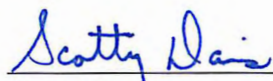
**IV. OPTIONS:**

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

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Teresa Myers Ervin  
Mayor

Attest:

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Casey C. Moore  
Municipal Clerk