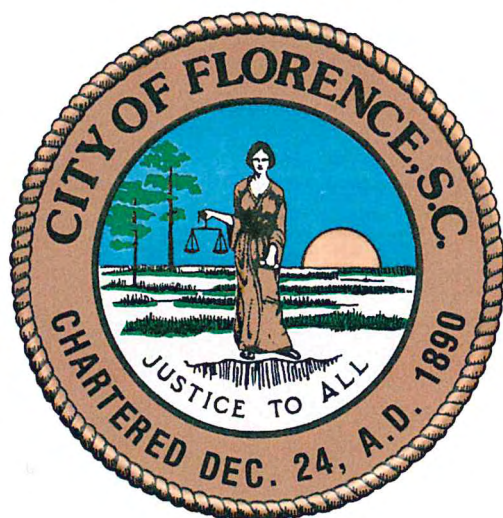


REGULAR MEETING
OF
FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL



COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 W. EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

MONDAY
JUNE 8, 2015
1:00 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CENTER – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

324 W. EVANS STREET

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. INVOCATION

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 11, 2015 – Regular Meeting

May 20, 2015 – Special Meeting

IV. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Service Recognitions

Marshell McKeever – 30 years – Police

David McClure – 25 years – Police

Michael Ard – 25 years – Public Works/Beautification & Facilities

Niesha Johnson – 10 years – Finance/Utilities & Licensing

Janice Smith – 10 years – Public Works/Athletic Programs

V. APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL

a. Mr. William Breazeale – To make comments regarding City of Florence development: Football and Taxation

b. Williamsburg Circle – Sewer and annexation issues

VI. ORDINANCES IN POSITION

- a. Bill No. 2015-09 – Second Reading**
An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by George L. David, said property being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Parcel 00122-01-023.
- b. Bill No. 2015-10 – Second Reading**
An Ordinance to annex and zone various properties within the Windsor Forest and Grove Park Subdivisions owned by Leslie M. Wase, TMN 01221-01-289; Darlene H. Hucks, TMN 01221-01-147; Alan M. and Jill H. Blaker, TMN 01221-01-188; Jitendra K. and Jayshree J. Patel, TMN's 01221-01-167 and 00098-01-077; William J. and Rebecca L. Poole, TMN's 01221-01-106 and 01221-01-107; Mark P. and Monica A. Lewallan, TMN 01221-01-281; Matthew J. and Julie Rae Flintrop, TMN 01221-01-152; Rodney L. and Courtney S. Williams 01221-01-203; Sharon S. Mitchell, 01221-01-129; and Kim B. Hall, TMN 01221-01-130.
- c. Bill No. 2015-11 – Second Reading**
An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Charles M. and Susan H. Jordan, said property being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Parcel 90018-03-003.
- d. Bill No. 2015-12 – Second Reading**
An Ordinance to abandon City of Florence interest in Public Right-of-Way to include undeveloped portions of New Street; Johns Avenue; East Ervin Street; and undeveloped, unnamed street extending north from East Ervin Street.
- e. Bill No. 2015-13 – Second Reading**
An Ordinance to abandon any interest of the City of Florence in the public right-of-way, alleyway, adjacent to the rear of the properties addressed as 147 to 189 North Irby Street.
- f. Bill No. 2015-14 – 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- a. Bill No. 2015-15 – First Reading**
A Series Ordinance Making Provision For The Terms And Conditions Of An Issue Of Combined Waterworks And Sewerage System Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2015, Of The City Of Florence, South Carolina, In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$3,000,000 As Authorized By A Bond Ordinance Of The City Of Florence, South Carolina, Adopted October 24, 1989; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.
- b. Bill No. 2015-16 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Stroud Holdings, LLC, said property being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Map Number 90060-13-002.
- c. Bill No. 2015 -17 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to revise Chapter 13 of the City Code to regulate the hours and aggressive activities for door-to-door solicitations by peddlers or for charitable purposes within the City.
- d. Bill No. 2015-18 – First Reading**
An Ordinance to amend Planned Development District Ordinance 2009-23 Site Plan.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution No. 2015-14**
A Resolution to adopt the Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan as updated in 2013.

IX. REPORT TO COUNCIL

- a. Councilman Robinson – A report on income disparities**
- b. Planning, Research and Development Department – A report concerning a proposed corridor study including the U.S. 76 East corridor from the eastern city limits to Francis Marion University.**

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Contractual**
- b. Contractual**

XI. ADJOURN

**REGULAR MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015 – 1:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
324 W. EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stephen J. Wukela called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro tem Frank J. Brand, II; Councilman Robby L. Hill; Councilwoman Teresa Myers Ervin; Councilman Edward Robinson; Councilwoman Octavia Williams-Blake; and Councilman George D. Jebaily.

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager; Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk; James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development; Scotty Davis, Director of Community Services; Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance; Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; Chief Randy Osterman, Florence Fire Department; and Mr. Ray Reich, Downtown Development Manager.

MEDIA PRESENT:

Members of the media that were present for the meeting were Curtis Graham of WBTW TV-13, Gavin Jackson of the Morning News and Ken Baker of WMBF news.

Notices of this regularly scheduled meeting were sent to the media and individuals requesting a copy of the agenda, informing them of the date, time and place of the meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Teresa Myers Ervin gave the invocation for the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adopt the April 10, 2015 Special Meeting minutes, the April 13, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and the April 23, 2015 Special Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to adopt the minutes.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Retirement Recognitions

Ms. Patricia Bridges was presented a plaque in recognition of her retirement from the City of Florence. Patricia retired from the City on January 30, 2015 after serving 45 and one half years with the Florence Police Department.

Ms. Margaret Robinson was presented a plaque in recognition of her retirement from the City of Florence Police Department on February 26, 2015. Ms. Robinson served for 12 and one half years.

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Service Recognitions

Mayor Wukela presented London Jordan a Certificate of Recognition for completing 30 years with the City of Florence Police Department.

Preston Moody received a Certificate of Recognition from Mayor Wukela for 15 years of service with the City of Florence Utilities Department.

Mayor Wukela presented Nathaniel Johnson and Sheldon Samuel a Certificate of Recognition for completing 10 years of service with the City of Florence Finance Department.

Kenneth Cox received a Certificate of Recognition for completing 10 years of service with the Florence Fire Department.

Educational Recognition

Justin Galloway received an educational recognition for obtaining his “E” Water Operator Certification.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held to receive input on the City of Florence Fiscal Year Budget for 2015-2016.

Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager presented an overview of the budget.

The following ten components make up the total proposed budget of \$77,090,808 for the City of Florence.

General Fund	\$ 32,120,000
General Fund Debt Service Fund	435,500
Hospitality Fund	3,600,000
CDBG Fund	274,008
W/S Utilities Enterprise Fund	32,200,000
Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund	1,350,000
W/S Utilities Construction Fund	5,514,000
Stormwater Utility Construction Fund	748,000
W/S Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund	845,300
Stormwater Equipment Replacement Fund	4,000

For the past 6 years the City has had very little growth; approximately 6%. During this period of time the City has done a number of projects: Downtown Development, Neighborhood Redevelopment, Tennis, Soccer, Gymnasium, and Streetscapes which have been funded through growth funds or special appropriations.

Mr. Griffin added that it appears that the local economic conditions are improving and that improvement is reflected in this budget with proposed merit increases, an increase in community funding, purchase of deferred equipment and vehicles. However, General Fund growth is not where it was pre-recession of greater than 3% per year.

The proposed budget does not include: 1) Rehiring of “old” positions and still contains deferred rehiring of existing positions up to 16 weeks; 2) Fund for deferred maintenance on buildings and facilities except “critical” uses; 3) Commitments associated with the Art Trail Gallery relocation; and 4) Programs associated with job creations and the changes mandated by recent events in Ferguson, MO and Baltimore, MD.

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The proposed budget does not include any property tax increase. There is a small adjustment to the landfill disposal fee of a \$0.10 increase per residential customer per month and a \$0.10 increase per commercial customer per month per cubic yard due to an adjustment in the Waste Management contract.

The proposed Community Funding FY Source for FY 2015-16 is:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	\$ 308,100
Community Development Fund	40,000
Accommodations Tax Fund	410,000
Hospitality Fund	155,000
TOTAL	\$ 913,100

Mayor Wukela declared the Public Hearing open at 1:20 p.m. to receive comments from the public.

Ms. Jennifer Guiles Robinson spoke on behalf of Empowered to Heal. Ms. Robinson requested support from the City to help provide transitional support and recovery resources for adult survivors or child survivors of child sexual abuse and assault.

Mr. Roger Gore spoke on behalf of the program, Fatherhood and Families Engagement Program. This program works with children to help prevent poverty by helping fathers get work so that they can better support their children and become better citizens of the City. Mr. Gore requested funding from the City to help the program survive.

Ms. Madie Robinson, President of the Florence Branch of the NAACP spoke to Council regarding the issue of racial profiling and excessive policing that has been of concern to the NAACP for some time. Ms. Robinson requested three things of Council: 1) the implementation of body cameras for law enforcement; 2) the implementation of a comprehensive training program to include cultural sensitivity and periodic psychological evaluations for law enforcement and 3) the development of a Citizen Review Committee.

Mayor Wukela declared the public hearing closed at 1:44 p.m.

APPEARANCE BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. William Breazeale – to make comments regarding City of Florence development.

This item will be deferred to the June City Council meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

BILL NO. 2015-09 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY GEORGE L. DAVID, SAID PROPERTY BEING SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED IN THE FLORENCE COUNTY TAX RECORDS AS TAX PARCEL 00122-01-023.

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by George L. David, said property being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Parcel 00122-01-023 was passed on first reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2015-09 on first reading. Councilman Hill seconded the motion.

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Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development reported that the parcel is currently vacant. City water and sewer services are currently not available. The City Engineering Department conducted an economic feasibility analysis and found the revenue to cost ratio to be 1.72; therefore, the project would be recommended. Contingent upon annexation and zoning, the developers plan to develop a single family detached residential subdivision.

A Public Hearing regarding zoning was held at the April 14, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission members voted 7-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-1, Single-Family Residential District. City staff recommends annexation and concurs with the Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-1, Single-Family Residential District.

City Council members voted unanimously to pass Bill No. 2015-09.

BILL NO. 2015-10 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE WINDSOR FOREST AND GROVE PARK SUBDIVISIONS OWNED BY LESLIE M. WASE, TMN 01221-01-289; DARLENE H. HUCKS, TMN 01221-01-147; ALAN M. AND JILL H. BLAKER, TMN 01221-01-188; JITENDRA K. AND JAYSHREE J. PATEL, TMN'S 01221-01-167 AND 00098-01-077; WILLIAM J. AND REBECCA L. POOLE, TMN'S 01221-01-106 AND 01221-01-107; MARK P. AND MONICA A. LEWALLAN, TMN 01221-01-281; MATTHEW J. AND JULIE RAE FLINTROP, TMN 01221-01-152; RODNEY L. AND COURTNEY S. WILLIAMS 01221-01-203; SHARON S. MITCHELL, 01221-01-129; AND KIM B. HALL, TMN 01221-01-130.

An Ordinance to annex and zone various properties within the Windsor Forest and Grove Park Subdivisions owned by Leslie M. Wase, TMN 01221-01-289; Darlene H. Hucks, TMN 01221-01-147; Alan M. and Jill H. Blaker, TMN 01221-01-188; Jitendra K. and Jayshree J. Patel, TMN's 01221-01-167 and 00098-01-077; William J. and Rebecca L. Poole, TMN's 01221-01-106 and 01221-01-107; Mark P. and Monica A. Lewallan, TMN 01221-01-281; Mathew J. and Julie Rae Flintrop, TMN 01221-01-152; Rodney L. and Courtney S. Williams 01221-01-203; Sharon S. Mitchell, 01221-01-129; and Kim B. Hall, TMN 01221-01-130 was passed on first reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2015-10 on first reading. Councilman Jebaily seconded the motion.

Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Urban Planning, Research and Development reported all of the parcels are located adjacent to the current city limits. City water and sewer service is currently available and there is no cost to extend these services.

A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the April 14, 2015 Planning Commission meeting and the Planning Commission members voted 7-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-1, Single-Family Residential District. City staff recommends annexation and concurs with the Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the properties R-1, Single-Family Residential District.

City Council members voted unanimously to pass Bill No. 2015-10.

BILL NO. 2015-11 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY CHARLES M. AND SUSAN H. JORDAN, SAID PROPERTY BEING SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED IN THE FLORENCE COUNTY TAX RECORDS AS TAX PARCEL 90018-03-003.

An Ordinance to annex and zone property owned by Charles M. and Susan H. Jordan, said property being specifically designated in the Florence County Tax Records as Tax Parcel 90018-03-003 was passed on first reading.

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Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No.2015-11. Councilman Jebaily seconded the motion.

Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Urban, Research and Development reported to Council that the lot is currently the site of a single-family dwelling. City water and sewer services are currently available and there is no cost to extend these services.

A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the April 14, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. The members present voted 7-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-1, Single-Family Residential District. City staff recommends annexation and concurs with the Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-1, Single-Family Residential District.

City Council members voted unanimously to pass Bill No. 2015-11.

BILL NO. 2015-12 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON CITY OF FLORENCE INTEREST IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY TO INCLUDE UNDEVELOPED PORTIONS OF NEW STREET; JOHNS AVENUE; EAST ERVIN STREET; AND UNDEVELOPED, UNNAMED STREET EXTENDING NORTH FROM EAST ERVIN STREET.

An Ordinance to abandon City of Florence interest in public rights-of-way to include undeveloped portions of New Street; Johns Avenue; East Ervin Street; and undeveloped, unnamed street extending north from East Ervin Street was passed on first reading.

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No. 2015-12. Councilman Jebaily seconded the motion.

Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development reported this is a request from the Department of Veterans Affairs to purchase certain City owned parcels for the expansion of the National Cemetery.

Unopened portions of New Street, Johns Avenue, East Ervin Street and an unnamed street extending north from East Ervin Street, exist in the middle of the property proposed for conveyance. This property is needed to create a single parcel for conveyance to the National Cemetery.

The abandonment and combination of the parcels and rights-of-way will create a landlocked parcel that is labeled in the County Tax Records as the Mullins Leonard Heirs Cemetery. In preparation of this transaction, the parcels will be combined with the abandoned rights-of-way and a public easement to allow access to this parcel will be created.

The Fire, Police, Public Works, Utilities, Engineering and Planning, Research and Development Departments were contacted and none of the departments found any reason to maintain the City's interest in this unopened rights-of-way.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend the abandonment of the right-of-way as it allows the property to be combined and sold to the Department of Veterans Affairs. A public easement will be established to allow access to the Mullins Leonard Heirs Cemetery.

City Council voted unanimously to pass Bill No. 2015-12 on first reading.

BILL NO. 2015-13 – FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON ANY INTEREST OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, ALLEYWAY, ADJACENT TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTIES ADDRESSED AS 147 TO 189 NORTH IRBY STREET.

An Ordinance to abandon any interest of the City of Florence in the public right-of-way, alleyway, adjacent to the rear of the properties addressed as 147 to 189 North Irby Street was passed on first reading.

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Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to pass Bill No.2015-13. Councilman Jebaily seconded the motion.

Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development reported to Council that an alleyway exists adjacent to the rear of the properties that front 147 – 189 North Irby Street. This property is needed to create a single parcel for construction of the proposed Florence County Judicial Complex.

The following City of Florence departments were contacted regarding the abandonment of the right-of-way: Fire; Police; Public Works; Utilities; Engineering; and Planning, Research and Development. None of these departments found any reason to maintain the City's interest in the unopened right-of-ways.

Public notice was published three times in the Morning News prior to the May 11, 2015 City Council meeting as required by City Code Section 2-28(b).

This matter will be placed on the June 9, 2015 Planning Commission agenda for a Public Hearing prior to second reading before City Council at their July 13, 2015 meeting.

If City Council approves the abandonment of interest in these right-of-ways, the abandoned alley can then be combined with the adjacent parcel(s) through the plat approval process and conveyed to the adjacent landowner, the County of Florence, through the recording of a quitclaim deed.

City Council members voted unanimously to pass Bill No. 2015-13 on first reading.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-09

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JUNE 27, 2015 AS WILSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1965 DAY IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE.

A Resolution to declare June 27, 2015 as Wilson High School Class of 1965 Day in the City of Florence was adopted by Council.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-09. Councilwoman Williams-Blake seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2015-09.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-10

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF MAY, 2015 AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH.

A Resolution to declare the month of May, 2015 as Lupus Awareness Month was adopted by Council.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-10. Mayor Pro tem Brand seconded the motion.

Resolution No. 2015-10 was adopted unanimously by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11
A RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM MAY, 2015 AS TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH.

A Resolution to proclaim May, 2015 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month was adopted by Council.

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-11. Councilwoman Williams-Blake seconded the motion.

Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2015-11.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12
A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE APROVING AN INCENTIVE PACKAGE TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPER TEAM TO DEVELOP A PROJECT IN A DOWNTOWN LOCATION.

At the request of Council, Resolution No. 2015-12 will be deferred.

REPORT TO COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Councilman Hill made a motion to appoint Mr. Brian Kelley to complete an unexpired term on the City of Florence Planning Commission. Mayor Pro tem Brand seconded the motion. Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Kelley to the Planning Commission. The appointment will begin immediately and end June 30, 2016.

Mr. Brian Kelley was appointed to serve on the City of Florence Planning Commission for a term to begin immediately and end June 30, 2016.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no items for Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Mayor Pro tem Brand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. without objection.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2015.

Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

**SPECIAL MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 20, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.
CITY CENTER – LIVE OAK CONFERENCE ROOM
324 WEST EVANS STREET
FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stephen J. Wukela called the special meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. with the following members present: Councilman Robby L. Hill; Councilwoman Teresa Myers Ervin; Councilman Edward Robinson; Mayor Pro tem Buddy Brand; and Councilman George D. Jebaily.

MEMBER ABSENT: Councilwoman Octavia Williams-Blake

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager; Mrs. Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk; Mr. James W. Peterson, Jr., City Attorney; Mr. Thomas Chandler, Director of Finance; Mr. Scotty Davis, Director of General Services; Mr. Ray Reich, Downtown Development Manager; Chief Randy Osterman, Florence Fire Chief; Chief Allen Heidler, Florence Police Department; Mr. Phillip Lookadoo, Director of Planning, Research and Development; Mr. Chuck Pope, Director of Public Works; and Mr. Michael Hemingway, Director of Utilities.

Notice of the date, time and location of the special meeting was provided to the media and those individuals requesting copies of the City Council agenda.

Mr. Gavin Jackson of the Morning News was present for the meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilwoman Ervin provided an invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag followed the invocation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Resolution No. 2015-12; a Contractual and Legal matter. Councilman Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Wukela reconvened the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12

A RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE APPROVING AN INCENTIVE PACKAGE TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPER TEAM TO DEVELOP A PROJECT IN A DOWNTOWN LOCATION.

A Resolution for the City of Florence approving an incentive package to encourage the developer team to develop a project in a downtown location was adopted by Council.

Councilman Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-12. Councilman Jebaily seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2015-12.

(Councilwoman Williams-Blake was not present for the meeting.)

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

BILL NO. 2015-14-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, 2015, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.

An Ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016 was adopted by Council.

Councilman Hill made a motion to pass Bill No. 2015-14 on first reading. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion.

Mr. Drew Griffin, City Manager reviewed the proposed FY 2015-2016 Budget. The total proposed budget for FY 2015-2016 is \$77,090,808. The ten components of the budget are: General Fund (\$32,120,000); General Fund Debt Service Fund (435,500); Hospitality Fund (\$3,600,000); CDBG Fund (\$274,008); W/S Utilities Enterprise Fund (\$32,200,000); Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund (\$1,350,000); W/S Utilities Construction Fund (\$5,514,000); Stormwater Utility Construction Fund (\$748,000); W/S Utilities Equipment Replacement Fund (\$845,300); and Stormwater Equipment Replacement Fund (\$4,000).

For the past 6 years, growth in the General Fund has been near 1%. Ongoing projects during this period are: Downtown Development; Neighborhood Redevelopment; Tennis; Soccer, Gymnasium; and Streetscapes. These projects have been funded through growth funds or special appropriations. As the local economic conditions appear to be improving, this budget reflects that improvement with proposed merit increases, an increase in community funding, purchase of deferred equipment and vehicles. However, the General Fund growth is not where it was pre-recession at greater than 3%.

The proposed budget does not include: 1) rehiring of positions eliminated due to prior year budgetary cutbacks (through attrition) and still contains deferred rehiring of existing positions up to 16 weeks; 2) funds for deferred maintenance on buildings and facilities except "critical" uses; 3) commitments associated with the Art Trail Gallery relocation; and 4) funds for certain capital related items (i.e., police vehicles, sanitation trucks, and equipment).

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The FY 2015-16 proposed budget does not include any property tax increase. It does include a small adjustment to the landfill disposal fee due to an updated Waste Management contract.

To balance the FY 2015-16 General Fund Budget the following actions were taken: 1) extended the hiring timeline; 2) adjustments to operational funding requests; 3) eliminations of capital funding requests; 4) end of year capital purchases and 5) merit pay only increase for half year.

General Fund compensation and benefits cost reductions made in balancing the proposed FY 2015-16 budget totaled \$692,750.

General Fund Operational and Capital Funding reductions made in balancing the proposed FY 15-16 budget were \$50,800 for Operations and \$136,500 for Capital for a total of \$187,300.

General Fund end of current year capital purchases proposed in balancing the FY 2015-16 budget were: \$2,500 for City Court; \$32,450 for Police; \$195,000 for Fire; \$97,000 for Beautification & Facilities; \$45,000 for Equipment Maintenance and \$134,000 for Athletics. This totaled \$505,950.

General Fund funding increases made in balancing the proposed budget was \$75,000; \$60,000 for additional neighborhood redevelopment funding and \$15,000 for additional PDRTA funding.

Total expenditure reductions to balance the budget totaled \$1,311,000.

Proposed General Fund and CDBG Community Funding for FY 2015-16 is \$348,100. Funding sources are: General Fund - \$308,100; and Community Development Fund - \$40,000.

The following chart lists the FY 2015-16 General Fund Expenditure Budget by Category:

<u>FY 2015-16 General Fund</u>		
<u>Expenditure Budget by Category</u>		
FIXED COSTS	FY 16 Budget	% of Total
Personnel/Benefits	\$ 21,721,100	67.62%
Departmental Operations	5,246,750	16.34%
Capital Leases	621,400	1.94%
Grants	208,000	0.65%
OPEB/Unemployment Comp	542,650	1.69%
Property/Liability/Small Claims	530,000	1.65%
Fixed Non Departmental	<u>2,625,500</u>	<u>8.17%</u>
Subtotal	\$ 31,495,400	98.06%
VARIABLE COSTS		
Other Capital	\$ 74,800	0.23%
Other Non Departmental	289,800	0.90%
Community Programs	<u>260,000</u>	<u>0.81%</u>
Subtotal	\$ <u>624,600</u>	<u>1.94%</u>
TOTAL	\$ 32,120,000	100.00%

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In 1997 City Council approved an ordinance to provide funding for the E-911 system as authorized by state law in the amount of \$0.77 per local exchange access in the area served by the City. Funds are restricted to communications equipment in support of E-911. The fees collected have since been used for: 1) Five year lease purchase of 800 MHz radio equipment; 2) reimbursement to Florence County to help fund a communications tower; and 3) multi-year funding for additional 800 MHz radio equipment and mobile data terminals.

Staff is recommending the following budget over the next seven years to remain current with E-911 emergency response communications equipment requirements. The equipment is recommended to be funded over a period of seven fiscal years at an approximate cost of \$80,000 per year for a total cost estimated of \$560,000.

**E-911 Recommended
Communications Equipment Budgets
FY 2016 - 2022**

	POLICE						
Item	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Mobile Data Terminals	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Handheld Radios	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$14,000	-	-	-
Mobile Radios	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
Police Subtotal	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
	FIRE						
Item	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Mobile Radios	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$21,000
Mobile Data Terminals	-	\$1,000	-	-	-	\$3,000	\$3,000
Portable Radio	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
Radio Accessories	\$1,000	-	\$1,000	-	-	\$2,000	\$2,000
Fire Station Main Radio	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	-	-
Fire Subtotal	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$42,000	\$42,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$78,000	\$78,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$82,000	\$82,000

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-13
A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE AND AUTHORIZE THE USE OF E-911 FEES COLLECTED
BY THE CITY OF FLORENCE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022.

A Resolution to designate and authorize the use of E-911 fees collected by the City of Florence effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2022 was adopted by Council.

Councilman Jebaily made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-13. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2015-13.

BILL NO. 2015-14-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, 2015, AND
ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.

An Ordinance to raise revenue and adopt a budget for the City of Florence, South Carolina, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016 was adopted by Council.

Councilman Hill made a motion to pass Bill No. 2015-14 on first reading. Councilwoman Ervin seconded the motion.

Council voted unanimously to adopt the FY 2015-16 City of Florence budget as presented.

ADJOURN

Councilwoman Ervin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2015.

Dianne M. Rowan, Municipal Clerk

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 11, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex property located on Sumter Street, Tax Map Number 00122-01-023 into the City of Florence and zone to R-1, Single-Family Residential District. The request is being made by the property owner, George L. David et al and South Florence Developers, LLC.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) The parcel is currently vacant land in agricultural use.
- (3) City water and sewer services are currently not available; the applicant requests annexation to be contingent upon the City bringing water and sewer to the property. The City Engineering Department conducted an economic feasibility analysis and found the revenue to cost ratio to be 1.72; therefore, the project would be recommended.
- (4) Contingent upon annexation and zoning, South Florence Developers, LLC plans to develop a single family detached residential subdivision. Plans will be submitted at a future date.
- (5) A Public Hearing regarding zoning was held at the April 14, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.
- (6) Planning Commission members voted 7-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-1, Single-Family Residential District.
- (7) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-1, Single-Family Residential District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

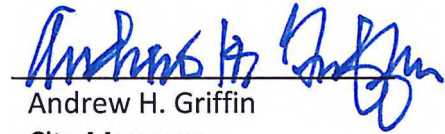
- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Map showing the location of the property
- (3) Petition for Annexation form



Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Location Map

TMP: 00122-01-023



Legend

- Roads
- Parcels
- City Limits

Water

- Main
- Hydrant

Sewer

- Manhole
- Pressurized Main
- Gravity Main



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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:

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- 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 00122-01-023

- 3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:

Development of a residential subdivision

- 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 _____ 0
 Race _____
 Total 18 and Over _____
 Total Registered to Vote _____

Petitioner requests annexation be contingent upon City bringing water and sewer to the property and ~~approval of other agencies~~

Date March 6, 2015

Date _____

[Handwritten Signature]
 Petitioner
[Handwritten Signature]
 for the family

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
 Date March 6, 2015

ORDINANCE NO. 2015_____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY GEORGE L. DAVID ET AL, TMN 00122-01-023

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on April 14, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, application by George L. David et al, owner of TMN 00122-01-023, and South Florence Developers, LLC, 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 R-1, Single-Family Residential District:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 00122, block 01, parcel 023 (48.09 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**.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 11, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

A request to annex and zone various properties within the Windsor Forest and Grove Park Subdivisions owned by Leslie M. Wase, TMN 01221-01-289; Mark A. and Darlene H. Hucks, TMN 01221-01-147; Alan M. and Jill H. Blaker, TMN 01221-01-188; Jayshree J. Patel, TMN's 01221-01-167 and 00098-01-077; William J. and Rebecca L. Poole, TMN's 01221-01-106 and 01221-01-107; Mark P. and Monica A. Lewallen, TMN 01221-01-281; Matthew J. and Julie Rae Flintrop, TMN 01221-01-203; Rodney L. and Courtney S. Williams, TMN 01221-01-203; Sharon S. Mitchell, TMN 01221-01-129; and Kim B. Hall, TMN 01221-01-130.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

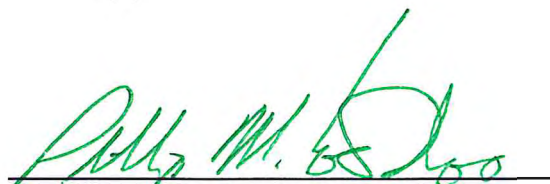
- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) All parcels are either vacant or developed with a single-family dwelling.
- (3) City water and sewer service is currently available; there is no cost to extend water or sewer service.
- (4) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the April 14, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.
- (5) Planning Commission members voted 7-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-1, Single-Family Residential District.
- (6) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-1, Single-Family Residential District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Map showing the location of the property
- (3) Petition for Annexation forms



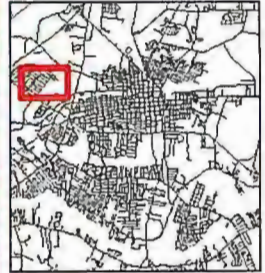
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Location Map

Windsor Forest and Grove Park Annexation Petitions



Legend

- Parcels
- RoadSegment
- Address
- City Limits
- Annexation Requests
- Water Main
- Standard Hydrant
- Post Hydrant
- Sewer Gravity Main
- Sewer Pressurized Main
- Manhole



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Johnny + Leslie Wase
703 Aldwich Place

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 01221 -01- 289

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:

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neighborhood annexation

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.

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Total Residents	<u>3</u>
Race	<u>white</u>
Total 18 and Over	<u>1</u>
Total Registered to Vote	<u>1</u>

Date 3/9/15

Leslie Wase
Petitioner

Date _____

Petitioner

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Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Date <u>3/16/15</u>	<u>JSP</u>

2493 Ascot Drive
Mark + Darlene Huckes

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COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 01221-01-147

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:
BEHIND PART OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE
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>6</u>
Race	<u>W</u>
Total 18 and Over	<u>3</u>
Total Registered to Vote	<u>2</u>

Date 3/15/15

Date 3/15/15

Mark A. Huckes
Petitioner MARK A. Huckes
Darlene H. Huckes
Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:

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Date 3/16/15

SB

2500 Ascot Dr.
Alan + Jill Blaker

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COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 01221-01-188

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:



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.

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Total Residents	<u>2</u>
Race	<u>C</u>
Total 18 and Over	<u>2</u>
Total Registered to Vote	<u>2</u>



Date 3/9/15

Jill Blaker
Petitioner

Date 3/9/15

Alan Blaker
Petitioner

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Date <u>3/16/15</u>	<u>JFB</u>

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 2617 Ascot Dr.
01221-a-167

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:

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FOR FUTURE BENEFIT

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.

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Total Residents 0 VALAT LAND
Race _____
Total 18 and Over _____
Total Registered to Vote _____

Date 4/10/15

John R. [Signature]
Petitioner

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Date _____

Petitioner

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Date 4/17/15	<u>[Signature]</u>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 2701 ASCOT
00098-01-077

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:

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FUTURE BENEFIT

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.

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Total Residents 4
Race ASIAN
Total 18 and Over 4
Total Registered to Vote

Date 4/10/15

Jam Reed
Petitioner

*

Date

Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition: FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY
Date 4/17/15 JRP

2513 Hoffmeyer Rd.
Jeff + Becky Poole

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COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 01221-01-106
01221-01-107

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:
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Total Residents	_____
Race	_____
Total 18 and Over	_____
Total Registered to Vote	_____

Date 03/11/2015

William Jeffrey Poole
Petitioner

Date 03/11/2015

Rebecca L. Poole
Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:

FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

Date 3/16/15

SD

2496 Person's Gate

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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- 2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 01221-01-281

- 3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:

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- 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.

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Total Residents 4
 Race White
 Total 18 and Over 3
 Total Registered to Vote 2

Date 5/1/15

[Signature]
Petitioner

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Date 5/1/15

[Signature]
Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Date <u>5/4/15</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>

MATT FLINTRAP
2499 Trotter Rd.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 01221-01-152

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:



Better 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.

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Total Residents	<u>4</u>
Race	<u>W</u>
Total 18 and Over	<u>2</u>
Total Registered to Vote	<u>2</u>



Date 3-6-15

Matt Flintrap
Petitioner

Date 3/6/15

Julie Flintrap
Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:

FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY

Date 3/16/15

JSP

Rodney & Courtney Williams
2501 Trotter Rd

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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- 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 01221-01-203

- 3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes.

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access to 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.

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Total Residents	6
Race	white
Total 18 and Over	2
Total Registered to Vote	2

Date 3.10.15

Date ~~5.4.15~~ 5.4.15

Courtney Williams
Petitioner

Rodney Williams
Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Date 5-4-15

JAP

2324 Windsor Forest Dr.
Justin + Sharon Mitchell

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map 01221-01-129

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:
★ To annex into the city like most of my neighborhood.

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 2
Race white
Total 18 and Over 1
Total Registered to Vote 1

Date 3/9/15

Sharon Mitchell
Petitioner

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Date _____

Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition: FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY
Date 3/16/15 JBD

2330 Windsor Forest
John & Kim Hall Berry

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

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2. That the petitioner(s) desires to annex the property more particularly described below:

Florence County Tax Map

01221-01-130



3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:

To be included as part of city for better 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.

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Total Residents
Race
Total 18 and Over
Total Registered to Vote

5
White
4
4

Date 3/9/15

Kim Hall Berry
Petitioner

Date 5/9/15

[Signature]
Petitioner



Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY
Date 3/16/15	[Signature]

ORDINANCE NO. 2015_____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE VARIOUS PROPERTIES WITHIN THE WINDSOR FOREST AND GROVE PARK SUBDIVISION OWNED BY LESLIE M. WASE, TMN 01221-01-289; MARK A. AND DARLENE H. HUCKS, TMN 01221-01-147; ALAN M. AND JILL H. BLAKER, TMN 01221-01-188; JAYSHREE J. PATEL, TMN'S 0122-001-167 AND 00098-01-077; WILLIAM J. AND REBECCA L. POOLE, TMN'S 01221-01-106 AND 01221-01-107; MARK P. AND MONICA A. LEWALLEN, TMN 01221-01-152; RODNEY L. AND COURTNEY S. WILLIAMS, TMN 01221-01-203; SHARON S. MITCHELL, TMN 01221-01-129; AND KIM B. HALL, TMN 01221-01-0130.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on April 14, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, applications by Leslie M. Wase, owner of TMN 01221-01-289; Mark A. and Darlene H. Hucks, owners of TMN 01221-01-147; Alan M. and Jill H. Blaker, owners of TMN 01221-01-188; Jayshree J. Patel, owner of TMN's 01221-01-167 and 00098-01-077; William J. and Rebecca L. Poole, owners of TMN's 01221-01-106 and 01221-01-107; Mark P. and Monica A. Lewallen, owners of TMN 01221-01-281; Matthew J. and Julie Rae Flintrop, owners of TMN 01221-01-203; Rodney L. and Courtney S. Williams, owners of TMN 01221-01-203; Sharon S. Mitchell, owner of TMN 01221-01-129; and Kim B. Hall, owner of TMN 01221-01-130, were presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid properties 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 R-1, Single-Family Residential District:

The properties requesting annexation are shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 289 (0.54 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 147 (0.56 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 188 (0.62 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 167 (0.61 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 00098, block 01, parcel 077 (0.55 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 106 (0.59 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 107 (0.58 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 281 (0.52 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 152 (0.56 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01, parcel 203

(0.54 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221, block 01,
parcel 129 (0.61 Acres); Florence County Tax Map 01221,
block 01, parcel 130 (0.60 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 properties 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.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

VI. c.
Bill No. 2015-11
Second Reading

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 11, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex property located at 433 South Cashua Drive, Tax Map Number 90018-03-003 into the City of Florence and zone to R-1, Single-Family Residential District. The request is being made by the property owner, Charles M. Jordan.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) The lot is currently the site of a single-family dwelling.
- (3) City water and sewer services are currently available; there is no cost to extend utility services.
- (4) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the April 14, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.
- (5) Planning Commission members voted 7-0 to recommend the zoning request of R-1, Single-Family Residential District.
- (6) City Staff recommends annexation and concurs with Planning Commission's recommendation to zone the property R-1, Single-Family Residential District.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

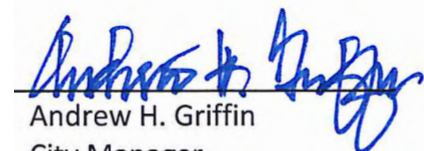
- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Map showing the location of the property
- (3) Petition for Annexation form



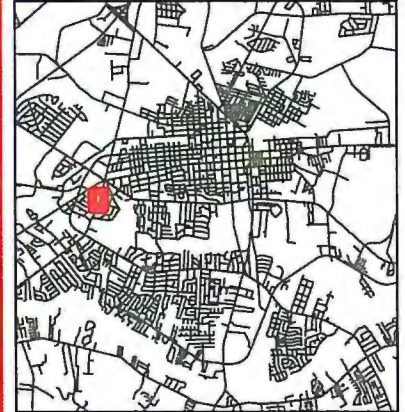
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Location Map

TMP: 90018-03-003



Legend

- Roads
- ▭ Parcels
- ▭ City Limits

Water

- Main
- Hydrant

Sewer

- ⊗ Manhole
- Pressurized Main
- Gravity Main



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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 90018-03-003

- 3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes:
To enjoy the benefits of city citizenship, including municipal services and municipal elections. Property is surrounded by the city.
- 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>White</u>
Total 18 and Over	<u>1</u>
Total Registered to Vote	<u>1</u>

Date 3/20/15

Charles M Jordan
Petitioner

Date _____

Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICAL USE ONLY
Date <u>3/30/15</u>	<u>SD</u>

ORDINANCE NO. 2015_____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY CHARLES M. JORDAN, TMN 90018-03-003

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on April 14, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, application by Charles M. Jordan, owner of TMN 90018-03-003, 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 R-1, Single-Family Residential District:

The property requesting annexation is shown more specifically on Florence County Tax Map 90018, block 03, parcel 003 (1.49 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**.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 11, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Abandonment of interest by the City of Florence in Public Rights-of-Way to include undeveloped portions of New Street; Johns Avenue; East Ervin Street; and undeveloped, unnamed street extending north from East Ervin Street (see attachment 2) in order that said land area can be sold to the Department of Veterans Affairs for the expansion of the National Cemetery.

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) The Department of Veterans Affairs (hereinafter referred to as National Cemetery) would like to purchase certain City owned parcels for expansion of the National Cemetery (see Attachment 3).
- (2) As shown in the attached map (Attachment 3), unopened portions of New Street; Johns Avenue; East Ervin Street; and an unnamed street extending north from East Ervin Street exist in the middle of the property proposed for conveyance. This property is needed to create a single parcel for conveyance to the National Cemetery.
- (3) The abandonment and combination of the parcels and rights-of-way will create a landlocked parcel that is labeled in the County Tax Records as the Mullins Leonard Heirs Cemetery (Attachment 4). In preparation of this transaction, the parcels will be combined with the abandoned rights-of-way and a public easement to allow access to this parcel will be created. However, abandonment of right of way is the first, and a necessary step in the process.
- (4) The following City of Florence departments were contacted regarding the abandonment of the right-of-way: Fire; Police; Public Works; Utilities; Engineering; and Planning, Research, and Development. None of the aforementioned departments found any reason to maintain the City's interest in this unopened rights-of-way.
- (5) Planning Commission unanimously (7-0) recommended abandonment of the right-of-way as it allows the property to be combined and sold to the Department of Veterans Affairs and a public easement to be established that allows access to the Mullins Leonard Heirs Cemetery.

- (6) If City Council approves the abandonment of interest in these rights-of-way, the City owned parcels and abandoned rights-of-way can then be combined into a single parcel through the plat approval process and the recording of a quitclaim deed.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

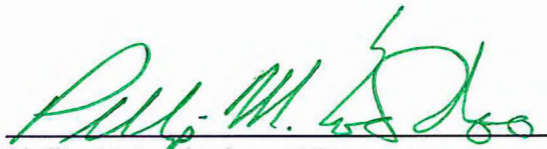
IV. OPTIONS

City Council may:

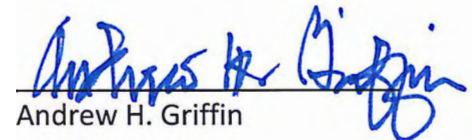
- (1) Approve the request as presented based on the information submitted.
- (2) Defer the request should additional information be needed.
- (3) Suggest other alternatives.
- (4) Deny the request.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Location Map
- (3) Properties to be Conveyed
- (4) Location of Mullins Leonard Heirs Cemetery



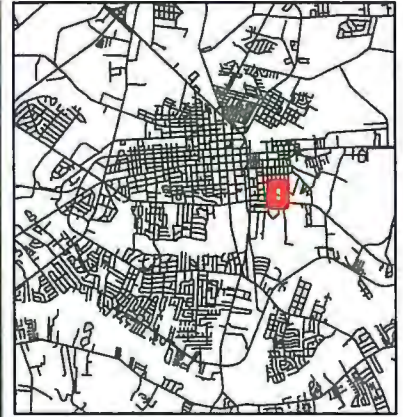
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Attachment 2 - Location Map

Right-of-Way Proposed for Abandonment



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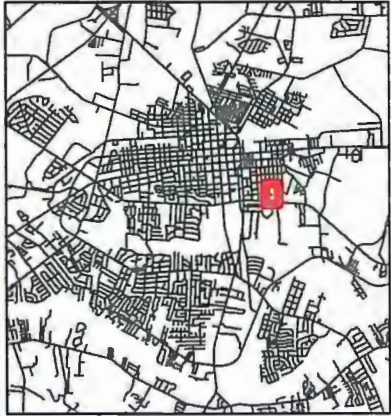
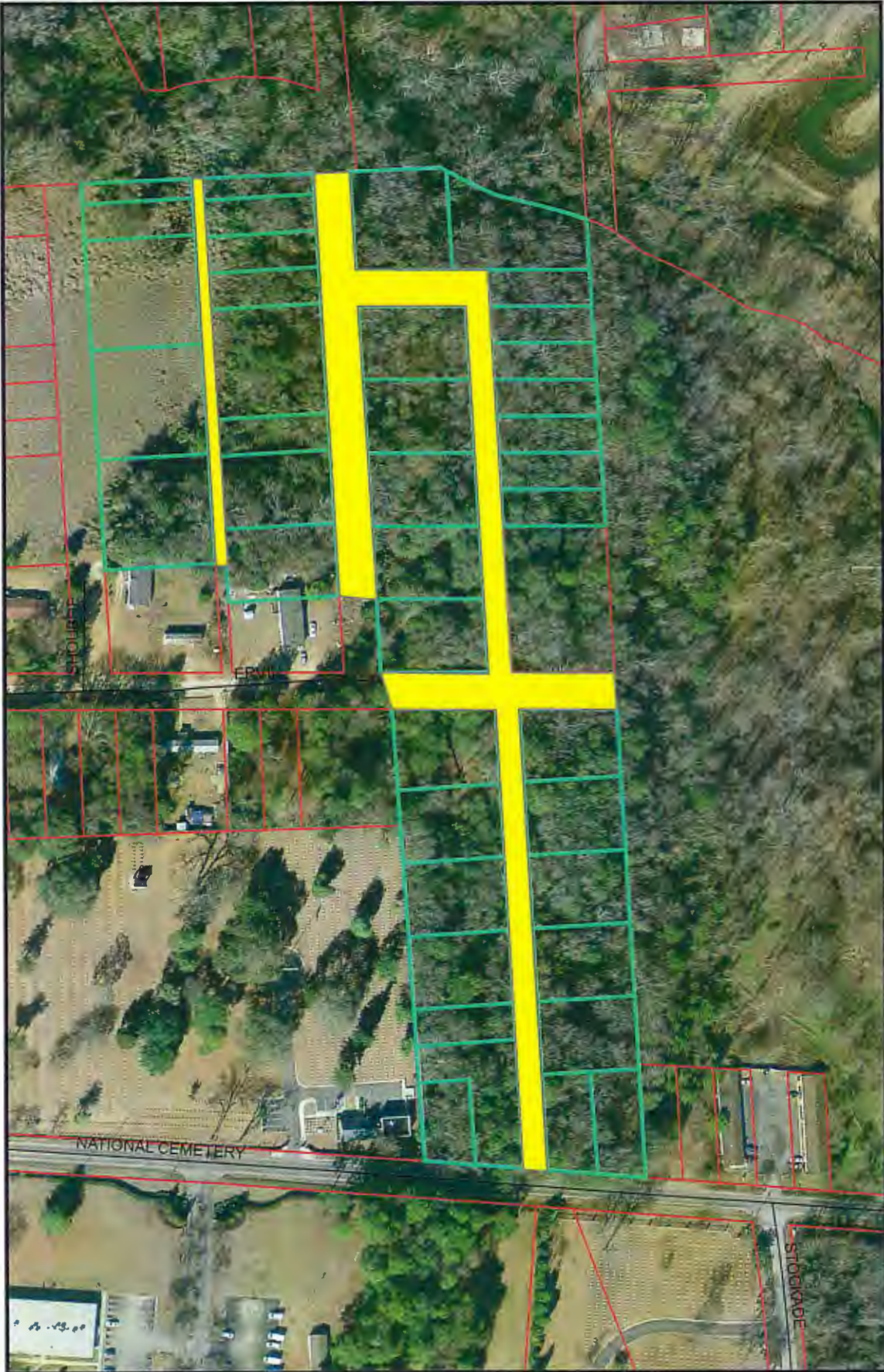
- Parcels
- RoadSegment






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Attachment 3 - Location Map

Lots proposed for Convyance



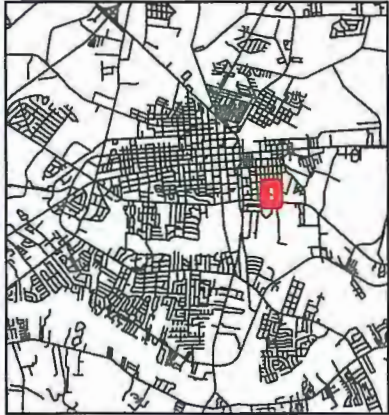
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-  Parcels
-  Road Segment



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Attachment 4 Mullins Leonard Heirs Cemetery



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- Properties for Conveyance
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ORDINANCE NO. 2015 _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON INTEREST OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO INCLUDE UNDEVELOPED PORTIONS OF NEW STREET; JOHNS AVENUE; EAST ERVIN STREET; AND UNDEVELOPED, UNNAMED STREET EXTENDING NORTH FROM EAST ERVIN STREET.

WHEREAS, a request has been made for the City to abandon its interest in the unopened portions of New Street; Johns Avenue; East Ervin Street; and an undeveloped, unnamed street extending north from East Ervin Street all of which exist in the middle of property proposed for conveyance to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and;

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on April 14, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given, and;

WHEREAS, a public notice was published three times in the Morning News prior to the May 11, 2015 City Council meeting as required by City Code Section 2-28(b) and adjacent property owners and utility providers were notified, and;

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 City of Florence abandons its interest in the rights-of-way which will then revert to the abutting property owners after the necessary legal documents have been properly executed.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence.

EXECUTED ON ONE (1) ADDITIONAL PAGE

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 11, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Abandonment of interest by the City of Florence in Public Rights-of-Way, specifically the alleyway adjacent to the rear of property identified as Florence County Tax Maps 90167-01-010, 90167-01-011, 90167-01-012, 90167-01-013, 90167-01-014, and 90167-01-028 (147-189 North Irby Street).

II. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Florence County would like to construct a judicial complex on the 100 block of North Irby Street across from the existing Florence County Complex.
- (2) As shown in the attached map (Attachment 2), an alleyway exists adjacent to the rear of the properties that front North Irby Street (147-189 North Irby Street). This property is needed to create a single parcel for construction of the proposed Florence County Judicial Complex.
- (3) The following City of Florence departments were contacted regarding the abandonment of the right-of-way: Fire; Police; Public Works; Utilities; Engineering; and Planning, Research, and Development. None of the aforementioned departments found any reason to maintain the City's interest in this unopened rights-of-way.
- (4) Public notice was published three times in the Morning News prior to the May 11, 2015 City Council meeting as required by City Code Section 2-28(b).
- (5) This matter will be placed on the June 9, 2015 agenda of the Planning Commission for Public Hearing prior to second reading before City Council, tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2015.
- (6) If City Council approves the abandonment of interest in this right-of-way, the abandoned alley can then be combined with the adjacent parcel(s) through the plat approval process and conveyed to the County of Florence, the adjacent landowner, through the recording of a quitclaim deed.

III. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) No previous action has been taken by City Council on this request.

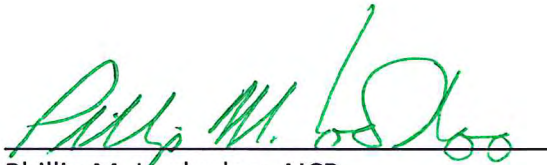
IV. OPTIONS

City Council may:

- (1) Approve the request as presented based on the information submitted.
- (2) Defer the request should additional information be needed.
- (3) Suggest other alternatives.
- (4) Deny the request.

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Location Map



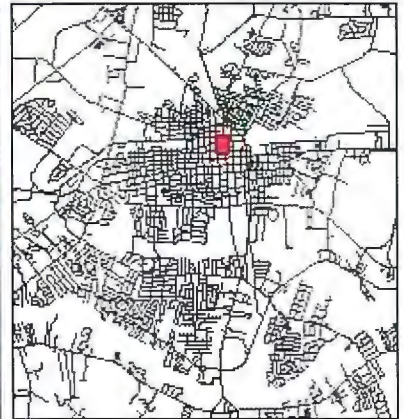
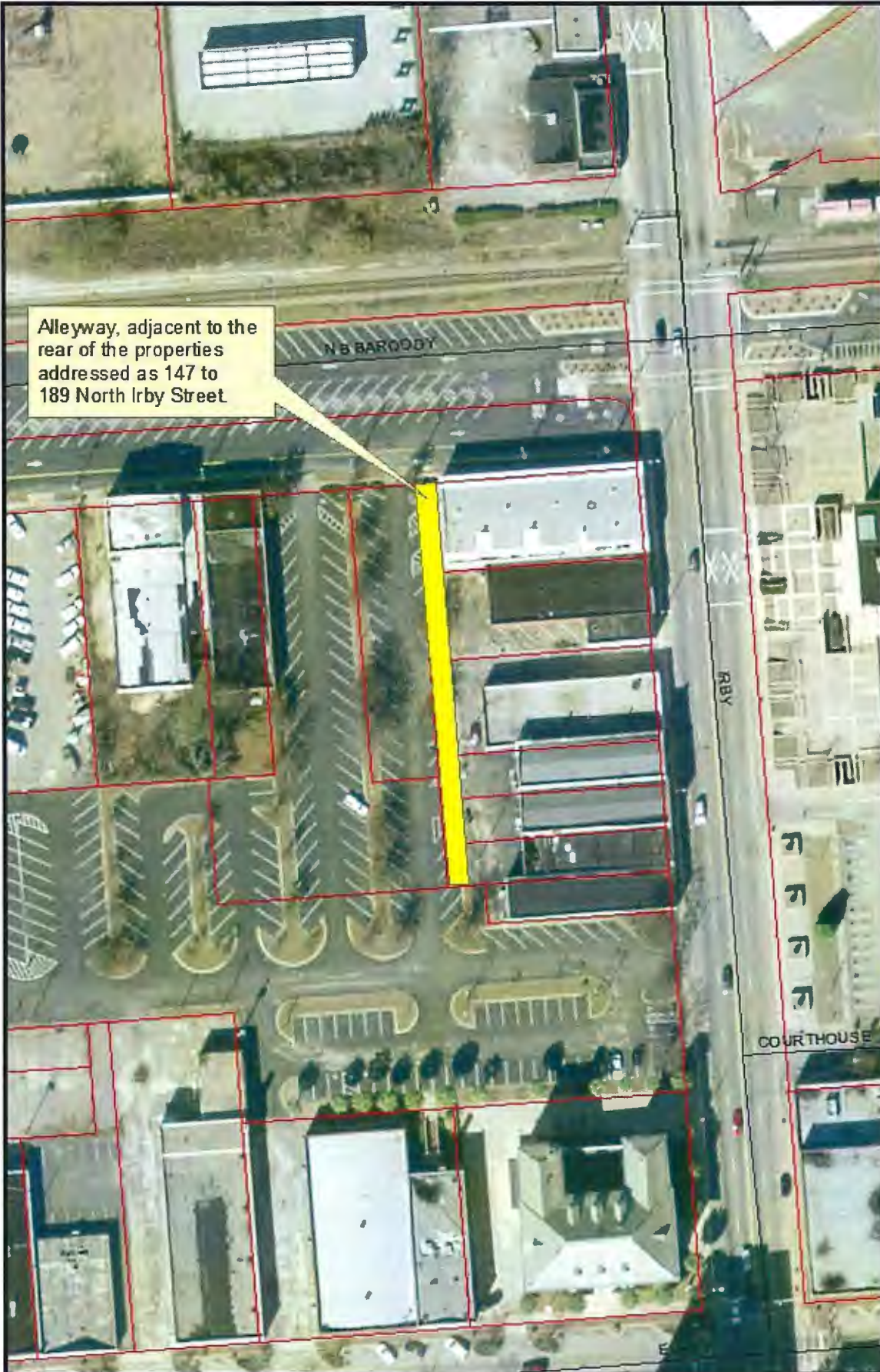
Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Attachment 2 - Location Map

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ORDINANCE NO. 2015 _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON INTEREST OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSISTING OF THE ALLEYWAY ADJACENT TO THE REAR OF TAX PARCELS 90167-01-010, 90167-01-011, 90167-01-012, 90167-01-013, 90167-01-014, AND 90167-01-028 AND AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF THE ABANDONED ALLEYWAY BY QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE COUNTY OF FLORENCE, THE SOLE ADJACENT LANDOWNER.

WHEREAS, a request has been made for the City to abandon its interest in the alleyway adjacent to the rear of property identified as Florence County Tax Maps 90167-01-010, 90167-01-011, 90167-01-012, 90167-01-013, 90167-01-014, and 90167-01-028

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on June 9, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given, and;

WHEREAS, a public notice was published three times in the Morning News prior to the May 11, 2015 City Council meeting as required by City Code Section 2-28(b) and adjacent property owners and utility providers were notified, and;

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 City of Florence, having no need for the alleyway described herein, hereby abandons its interest in the right-of-way which will then revert to the abutting property owners, and specifically authorizes the City Manager to execute an appropriate quitclaim deed conveying the City's interest in said right of way to the County of Florence which is the sole abutting property owner.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence.

EXECUTED ON ONE (1) ADDITIONAL PAGE

Ordinance No. 2015 - _____
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ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela, Mayor

Attest:

Dianne M. Rowan
Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: May 20, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: FY 2015 -16 Budget Ordinance – First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

The adoption of Fiscal Year 2015 -16 Budgets for the City of Florence.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

FY 2015-16 budget development began in February and continued through March 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. Council work sessions were 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, 2016, recommended for adoption by the City Council are enclosed for your review.

IV. OPTIONS

Adopt the budgets.


Modification of the budgets as presented.

III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the FY 2015-16 recommended budgets.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

The FY 2015-16 budget ordinance is attached.



Thomas W. Chandler
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO RAISE REVENUE AND ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2016.

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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 \$32,120,000.
- (b) Further, there is hereby adopted a General Fund Debt Service Fund budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 \$435,500.
- (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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 \$32,200,000.
- (d) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 \$1,350,000.
- (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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 \$5,514,000.
- (f) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Construction budget for the City of Florence for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 \$748,000.

Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget Ordinance (continued)

- (g) 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 \$845,300.
- (h) Further, there is hereby adopted a Stormwater Utility Equipment Replacement Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 \$4,000.
- (i) Further, there is hereby adopted a Hospitality Fund budget for the City of Florence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 \$3,600,000. 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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

Subject to the provisions and requirements of § 6-1-320 of the South Carolina Code of Laws (as amended), a tax for general operating purposes for the period from July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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 fifty three and seven-tenths (53.7) 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 a tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

Section 3

Subject to the provisions and requirements 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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, 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

Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget Ordinance (continued)

Florence for the purpose of providing and paying for general obligation bond debt of the municipality. Such a tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

Section 4

Subject to the provisions and requirements of § 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. Funding in the amount of \$560,000 is hereby appropriated and allocated over a seven-year period, from fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 through fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 as part of a multi-year communications equipment budget provided pursuant to the Florence City Council adoption of Resolution No. 2015-13.

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, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016. 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 such document.

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.

Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget Ordinance (continued)

Section 9

That this Ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2015.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne M. Rowan
Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 8, 2015
AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance – First Reading
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Finance

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

A Series Ordinance to make provision for the terms and conditions of an Issue of Combined Water and Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2015 in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$3,000,000 as authorized by the Bond Ordinance of the City of Florence adopted October 24, 1989.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

A. On May 1, 2000, as part of the funding for the Surface Water Treatment plant, the City issued a 30-year loan through the State Infrastructure Revolving Fund (SIRF) Program in the amount of \$4,000,000, plus capitalized interest, at an interest rate of 4.25%. This loan was issued in conjunction with a State Revolving Fund loan and a Revenue Bond to finance construction of the Surface Water Plant.

B. As a requirement of this SIRF loan the City also maintains a debt service reserve in an amount equal to the maximum annual debt service of \$240,234.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

A. In 2012, the State Revolving Loan Fund Program provided an opportunity for all borrowers of SRF funds to lower the interest rate on all outstanding SRF loans.

B. Unfortunately, this offer was not extended to the State Infrastructure Loan Fund Program. The City has since been informed that the SIRF program will not offer an opportunity to lower the current interest rate of 4.25%.

C. Because interest rates have declined since the issuance of the SIRF loan, the City is currently pursuing a refunding of this loan. The City anticipates refinancing the 2000 SIRF borrowing at a lower rate of interest and would also apply the debt service reserve funds to the refinancing.

D. The effect of such refinancing and application of the reserve funds to reduce the amount of the borrowing could produce for the City's utilities system an estimated present value savings over the life of the loan of approximately \$270,000.

E. Staff is working with the City's financial advisor and bond attorney to obtain competitive bank proposals within for possible refinancing of these bond issues based on the timetable outlined in the attached Financing Schedule.

F. Refinancing of the SIRF loan requires the adoption of a Series 2015 Refunding Revenue Bond ordinance.

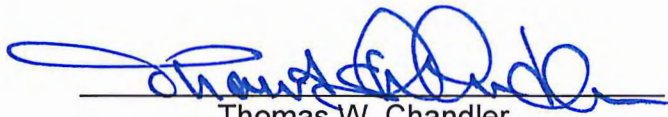
IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of the proposed ordinance to enact an ordinance refunding the 2000 SIRF loan to achieve a lower interest rate and related debt service savings.

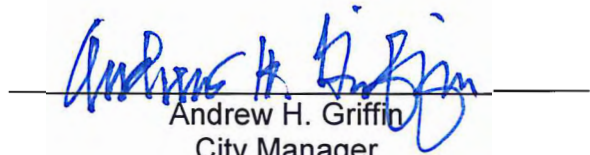
V. ATTACHMENTS

A. Series 2015 Refunding Revenue Bond Financing Schedule.

B. Series 2015 Refunding Revenue Bond Ordinance.



Thomas W. Chandler
Finance Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA
 Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System
 Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2015
 FINANCING SCHEDULE

Apr-15							May-15							Jun-15							Jul-15						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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	TASK	RESPONSIBILITY
May 20	Send RFP to banks	FTA
June 8	First Reading of the Bond Documents	C
June 17	Bids Due	FTA
July 13	Second Reading of the Bond Documents	C
July 15	Closing	Working Group

City Council typically meet the 2nd Monday of the month

RESPONSIBILITY LEGEND:

Role	Entity	Defined
Issuer	City of Florence, South Carolina	"C"
Bond Counsel	Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd	"BC"
Financial Advisor	First Tryon Advisors	"FTA"
Purchaser	TBD	"P"

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 - _____

A SERIES ORDINANCE MAKING PROVISION FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN ISSUE OF COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2015, OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,000,000 AS AUTHORIZED BY A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, ADOPTED OCTOBER 24, 1989; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

SERIES ORDINANCE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, the City Council ("City Council") of the City of Florence (the "City") has made general provision for the issuance of Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Revenue Bonds through the means of an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO," adopted on October 24, 1989, as amended (the "Bond Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, it is provided in and by the Bond Ordinance that, upon adoption of a "Series Ordinance" there may be issued one or more series of Bonds for the purpose of providing funds for improvements and extensions to the Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System of the City (the "System") or to refund bonds payable from the revenues of the System; and

WHEREAS, the revenues derived from the System are now hypothecated and pledged to the payment of the following:

- (a) the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$2,767,997 South Carolina Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Loan dated May 10, 1999;
- (b) the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$6,210,343 State Drinking Water Fund Loan dated May 10, 2000;
- (c) the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$4,062,403 South Carolina Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund Loan dated May 10, 2000;
- (d) the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$2,473,955 State Drinking Water Fund Loan dated January 30, 2003;
- (e) the outstanding installments of an original issue of not exceeding \$18,808,277 plus accrued interest, if any, South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Loan dated June 25, 2009;
- (f) the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$31,005,000 Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A, dated May 4, 2010;
- (g) the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$67,995,000 Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B (Build America Bonds – Taxable Series), dated May 4, 2010;
- (h) the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$4,926,000 Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2011, dated December 14, 2011;
- (i) the outstanding installments of an original issue of not exceeding \$10,428,518 plus capitalized interest, if any, South Carolina Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan dated April 18, 2013;

(j) the outstanding installments of an original issue of not exceeding \$3,817,741 plus capitalized interest, if any, South Carolina Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund Loan September 16, 2013;

(k) the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$6,111,310.18 Waterworks and Sewerage System Junior Lien Revenue Bond dated May 12, 2014.

(l) the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$12,936,000 Tax Increment Revenue Bond (Florence Downtown Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2014, dated May 28, 2014, additionally secured by a junior lien pledge of System revenues.

(m) the outstanding installments of an original issue of not exceeding \$1,750,566 plus capitalized interest, if any, South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Loan dated September 11, 2014.

WHEREAS, the obligation described in (c) above is hereinafter referred to as the "Refunded Bond." The obligation described above at (a) through (j) and (m), inclusive, are hereinafter referred to as the "Parity Bonds;" and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that a savings in debt service requirements may be achieved through the refunding of the Refunded Bond; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the Series 2015 Bond, as defined below, may be issued on a parity with the Parity Bonds pursuant to Section 4.02(B)(1) of the Master Ordinance in that the amount required in each Fiscal Year to pay the installments of principal and interest on the Series 2015 Bond do not exceed 105% of the amount of principal and interest scheduled to become due on the Refunded Bond for such Fiscal Years; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that not exceeding \$3,000,000 may be required in order to provide funds for the refunding of the Refunded Bond and costs related to the financing and providing necessary reserves; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the foregoing, it has been determined to adopt this ordinance as a "Series Ordinance" in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Bond Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE, IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS AND AUTHORITY

Section 1.01. Definitions.

All terms which are defined in Section 2.02 of the Bond Ordinance shall have the same meanings in this Series Ordinance as such terms are prescribed to have in the Bond Ordinance.

Section 1.02. Authority for Series Ordinance.

This Series Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Ordinance.

ARTICLE II

AUTHORIZATION AND TERMS OF THE SERIES OF BONDS

Section 2.01. Conditions Precedent to Issuance of Series of Bonds.

The Bond Ordinance provides that a Series Ordinance shall be adopted with respect to each Series of Bonds which Series Ordinance shall express the approval of City Council to the issuance of a Series of Bonds and City Council's agreement to abide by the terms, provisions and agreements set forth in the Bond Ordinance and shall specify and determine:

- 1) As prescribed by Section 6-17-60 of the Enabling Act, the then period of usefulness of the System;
- 2) The Date or Dates of Issue of such Series of Bonds;
- 3) The precise principal amount of the Series of Bonds;
- 4) The specific purposes for which the proceeds of such Series will be used;
- 5) The title and designation of the Bonds of such Series and manner of numbering and lettering, and the denomination or denominations of the Bonds of such Series;
- 6) The date or dates of maturity and the amounts thereof;
- 7) The interest rate or rates, or the manner of determining such rate or rates, of the Bonds of such Series;
- 8) The time for the payment of interest on the Bonds in such Series and the Record Date;
- 9) The redemption price or redemption prices and the redemption date or redemption dates and other terms of redemption (if any) applicable to any of the Bonds of such Series for such payments;
- 10) The Registrar for such Bonds if other than the Trustee;
- 11) The portion of such Series that are serial Bonds and that are term Bonds, if any, including the amount and date of each mandatory redemption or sinking fund installment, if any, required by such Series Ordinance to be paid for the retirement of any such Bonds;
- 12) The portion of such Series that are Capital Appreciation Bonds, if any, including the time for payment of such Capital Appreciation Bonds in order to address the information requested in paragraphs (7) and (8) above.
- 13) Any other applicable redemption requirement for the Bonds of such Series and the method of satisfying the same;
- 14) The manner in which Bonds of such Series are to be sold and provisions for the sale thereof;

- 15) The form or forms for the Bonds of each Series;
- 16) That the then applicable Reserve Requirement has been or will be met;
- 17) The disposition of the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds of such Series and the manner of their application; and
- 18) Any other provisions deemed advisable by the City not in conflict with or in substitution for the provisions of the Bond Ordinance and the Series Ordinance relating to the Bonds of such Series.

Section 2.02. Findings, Determinations, Agreements and Covenants.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Bond Ordinance described in Section 2.01 above, it is hereby found and determined that, and the City hereby covenants and agrees, as applicable:

- 1) The useful life of the System is found to be 40 years.
- 2) The Date of Issue of the Bond whose issuance is provided for herein (the "Series 2015 Bond") is to be the date of delivery of the Series 2015 Bond.
- 3) The Series 2015 Bond shall be in the original principal amount of not exceeding \$3,000,000. The final principal amount shall be set forth in a certificate to be signed by the Mayor and included with this Ordinance in the records of City Council.
- 4) The proceeds of the Series 2015 Bond shall be used, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 6 and 12 below, to provide moneys which will be sufficient to redeem the Refunded Bond; and to pay certain costs and expenses relating to the issuance of the Series 2015 Bond.
- 5) The Series 2015 Bond shall be designated City of Florence, South Carolina, Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2015 and shall be issued in registered form. The Series 2015 Bond shall be numbered and lettered in such way as to maintain a proper record thereof and will be issued in the form of a single bond per each maturity.
- 6) The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized and empowered to determine the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2015 Bond, the principal amount of each maturity of the Series 2015 Bond, the interest rate for the Series 2015 Bond, the Series 2015 Bond to be subject to mandatory and optional redemption and the redemption prices of the Series 2015 Bond subject to optional redemption and shall be set forth in a certificate to be signed by the Mayor and included with this Ordinance in the records of City Council.
- 7) Interest on the Series 2015 Bond shall be payable as set forth in a certificate to be signed by the Mayor and included with this Ordinance in the records of City Council.
- 8) Such of the Series 2015 Bond as the Mayor shall determine pursuant to paragraph (6) above shall be subject to mandatory redemption at the redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Series 2015 Bond to be redeemed, together with interest accrued from the date of redemption, in the years and in the amounts determined by the Mayor and shall be set forth in a certificate to be signed by the Mayor and included with this Ordinance in the records of City Council.
- 9) The Registrar for the Series 2015 Bond shall be the Trustee under the Bond Ordinance.

10) The Series 2015 Bond shall be sold to _____, who at public sale offered the lowest interest cost to the City (the "Purchaser") on the terms set forth in attached Exhibit A.

11) The Series 2015 Bond shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

12) The proceeds of the Series 2015 Bond shall be applied as set forth in a certificate to be signed by the Mayor and included with this Ordinance in the records of City Council.

13) City Council hereby authorizes the issuance of the Series 2015 Bond and agrees to abide by all of the terms, provisions and agreements set forth in the Bond Ordinance and, pursuant to Section 16.01 of the Bond Ordinance, the City irrevocably elects to redeem the Refunded Bond.

14) City Council hereby approves the issuance of the Series 2015 Bond attached hereto as Exhibit B.

15) The City finds that the provisions of Section 4.02(B) of the Bond Ordinance may be satisfied permitting the Series 2015 Bond to be issued on a parity with the outstanding Parity Bonds.

16) City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to take such further action as may be necessary to effect the issuance of the Series 2015 Bond.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th day of July, 2015.

Mayor, City of Florence, South Carolina

Attest:

Clerk, City of Florence, South Carolina

First Reading: June 8, 2015

Second Reading: July 13, 2015

EXHIBIT A

(FORM OF BOND)

CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA
COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM
REFUNDING REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2015

<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
_____ %	_____	July 15, 2015

Registered Owner:

Principal Amount:

THE CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA (the "City") acknowledges itself indebted and for value received hereby promises to pay, solely from the sources and as hereinafter provided, to the Registered Owner named above or registered assigns, the Principal Amount outstanding on the Maturity Dates stated above, unless this Bond shall have been redeemed prior thereto as hereinafter provided, upon presentation and surrender of this Bond at the corporate trust office of The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (the "Trustee") in the City of East Syracuse, State of New York, and to pay interest on such Principal Amount at the Interest Rate stated above (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months), until the obligation of the City with respect to the payment of such Principal Amount shall be discharged.

Both the principal of and interest on this Bond, as the same shall become due, are payable solely from the Net Earnings (as defined in the Ordinances described herein) derived from the operation of the Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System of the City (the "System") as described herein. This Bond shall not in any event constitute an indebtedness of the City within the meaning of any provision, limitation or restriction of the Constitution or statutes of the State of South Carolina (the "State"). The City is not obligated to pay this Bond, or the interest hereon, save and except from Net Earnings derived from the operation of the System.

THIS BOND HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6, CHAPTER 17, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY WITHIN STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS (OTHER THAN ARTICLE X, SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH 10 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION AUTHORIZING OBLIGATIONS PAYABLE SOLELY FROM SPECIAL SOURCES NOT INVOLVING REVENUES FROM ANY TAX OR LICENSE). THIS BOND AND THE BONDS OF THE SERIES OF WHICH IT IS ONE SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A DEBT OF THE CITY, NOR A CHARGE, LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE, LEGAL OR EQUITABLE, UPON ANY PROPERTY OF THE CITY OR ON ANY INCOME, RECEIPTS OR REVENUES THEREOF, OTHER THAN THE AFORESAID NET EARNINGS OF THE SYSTEM PLEDGED THERETO. NO RECOURSE SHALL BE HAD FOR THE PAYMENT OF THIS BOND OR THE INTEREST THEREON AGAINST THE GENERAL FUND OF THE CITY AND NEITHER THE CREDIT NOR THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE PLEDGED THERETO. THE FULL FAITH, CREDIT AND TAXING POWERS OF THE CITY ARE NOT PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST ON THIS BOND.

This Bond shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Certificate of Authentication hereon shall have been duly executed by the Registrar, initially the Trustee.

[Redemption Provisions]

This Bond will bear interest from the date of delivery. Principal and interest are payable

_____.

Interest hereon shall be payable by check or draft mailed at the times provided herein from the office of the Registrar to the person in whose name this Bond is registered on the Record Date at the address shown on the registration books. The principal of and interest on this Bond are payable in any coin or currency of the United States of America which at the time of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

This Bond is issued pursuant to and in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of South Carolina (the "State"), including particularly Chapter 17, Title 6, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Enabling Act"), an ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Florence ("Council") on October 24, 1989, as amended by series ordinances duly adopted by Council on April 12, 2010 and December 12, 2011 (collectively, the "Bond Ordinance"), as supplemented by an ordinance (the "Series Ordinance") duly adopted by Council on July 13, 2015 (the Bond Ordinance and the Series Ordinance are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Ordinances") for the purpose of refunding the outstanding installments of an original issue of \$4,062,403 South Carolina Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund dated May 10, 2000.

Certain capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Ordinances. Certified copies of the Ordinances are on file in the office of the Trustee and in the office of the Clerk of Court for Florence County, South Carolina.

The Bond will be issued on a parity with the City's outstanding Parity Bonds (as defined in the Series Ordinance) and any Additional Bonds hereafter issued.

The City has covenanted to continuously operate and maintain the System and fix and maintain such rates for the services and facilities furnished by the System as shall at all times be sufficient (a) to provide for the payment of the expenses of the administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as may be necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, (b) to provide for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and all Junior Lien Bonds, (c) to maintain the Debt Service Fund and thus provide for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, (d) to maintain each Debt Service Reserve Fund in the manner prescribed in the Ordinances, (e) to build and maintain a reserve for depreciation of the System, for contingencies and for improvements, betterments and extensions to the System other than those necessary to maintain the same in good repair and working order, and (f) to discharge all obligations imposed by the Enabling Act and the Ordinances.

For the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bond, there are hereby irrevocably pledged the Net Earnings of the System; and a lien upon such Net Earnings has been granted to the Holders of the Bond.

This Bond and the interest hereon are exempt from all State, county, municipal, school district, and all other taxes or assessments imposed within the State, direct or indirect, general or special, whether

imposed for the purpose of general revenue or otherwise, except inheritance, estate, transfer or certain franchise taxes.

This Bond is transferable, as provided in the Bond Ordinance, only upon the registration books of the City kept for that purpose by the Trustee or other registrar, by the Holder hereof in person or by his duly authorized attorney, upon (a) surrender of this Bond and an assignment with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Trustee duly executed by the Holder hereof or his duly authorized attorney and (b) payment of the charges, if any, prescribed in the Bond Ordinance. Thereupon a new Bond or Bonds of the same aggregate principal amount, maturity and interest rate shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Bond Ordinance. The City, the Trustee and any Registrar may deem and treat the person in whose name this Bond is registered as the absolute owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment of or on account of the principal or redemption price hereof and interest due hereon and for all other purposes.

For every exchange or transfer of the Bond, the City or the Trustee or Registrar, as the case may be, may make a charge sufficient to reimburse it for any tax, fee or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or transfer.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution and statutes of the State to exist, be performed or happen precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond, exist, have been performed and have happened, and that the amount of this Bond, together with all other indebtedness of the City, does not exceed any limit prescribed by such Constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA, has caused this Bond to be signed by the manual signature of the Mayor of the City, its seal to be reproduced hereon and the same to be attested by the manual signature of the Finance Director of the City.

CITY OF FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)

By _____
Mayor, City of Florence, South Carolina

Attest:

By _____
Finance Director, City of Florence,
South Carolina

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This Bond is the Bond of the Series described in the within mentioned Bond Ordinance.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST
COMPANY, N.A., TRUSTEE

Authorized Signatory

Date: _____, 2015

ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED the undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto

(please print or type name and address of Transferee and Social Security or other identifying number of Transferee)

the within Bond and all rights and title thereunder, and hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints attorney to transfer the within Bond on the books kept for registration thereof, with full power of substitution in the premises.

Date: _____

Signature Guaranteed:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF FLORENCE

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the City Council of the City of Florence, South Carolina ("City Council"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the foregoing constitutes a true, correct and verbatim copy of an Ordinance adopted by City Council. The Ordinance was read at two public meetings of City Council held on June 8 and July 13, 2015. An interval of at least six days occurred between each reading. At each meeting, a quorum of City Council was present and remaining present throughout the meeting.

The Ordinance is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my Hand this 13th day of July, 2015.

Clerk

VII. b.
Bill No. 2015-16
First Reading

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 8, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance
First Reading

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to annex properties located at 301, 303, 305, and 307 North Alexander Street, Tax Map Number 90060-13-002 into the City of Florence and zone to R-4, Multi-Family Residential District. The request is being made by the property owner, Stroud Holdings, LLC.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

(1) Prior to construction in 2012, the applicant requested annexation and zoning of the property. The applicant previously requested R-5 zoning; however, Planning Commission recommended R-4 zoning. Ultimately, the request for annexation was denied by City Council because of the nonconformities of the development with City Development codes. See Attachment 3 for the complete timeline of the original annexation in relation to the development of the site and the enactment of the design guidelines for duplexes, triplexes, quadraplexes, and townhomes (Ordinance 2012-32).

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:


- (1) Request is being considered for first reading.
- (2) The lot is currently the site of four duplex structures (a total of 8 dwelling units).
- (3) The proposed zoning is R-4, Multi-Family Residential. The primary uses permitted under the proposed zoning are residential, including single-family dwellings and conditionally permitted (conditions contained in Section 3.24) duplexes, townhouses, and patio homes.
- (4) Section 3.24-1 of the Zoning Ordinance states "a duplex is a structure that contains two dwelling units constructed on a single lot."
- (5) The four duplex structures currently exist on a single lot of record. A subdivision of property into four lots of record, required to be compliant with R-4 zoning, would be unable to meet the minimum lot width requirement of 50 feet.
- (6) The duplexes do not conform to the design guidelines as set forth in Section 3.24 of the zoning ordinance. Specific to the design guidelines, the primary entrances of the buildings are not oriented to face a street;


- the primary entrances are not sheltered by a covered front porch; and, the building facades are not articulated for visual interest.
- (7) The estimated impervious surface ratio of the entire site is 49.4%. This does not meet the requirements of the R-4 zoning district, 45% maximum impervious surface ratio.
 - (8) City water and sewer services are currently available; there is no cost to extend utility services.
 - (9) A Public Hearing for zoning was held at the May 12, 2015 Planning Commission meeting where Planning Commission members voted 7-0 to recommend the zoning of R-4, Multi-Family Residential District.
 - (10) The applicant was in agreement with the R-4 zoning designation.
 - (11) City Staff has reviewed the current request for annexation and has determined that there have been no changes regarding the site conditions in relation to the Zoning Ordinance since the original annexation request. At that time, City Council did not approve the annexation request.

IV. NOTES

V. ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Map showing the location of the property
- (3) Timeline for original annexation request
- (4) Petition for Annexation form



Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director


Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Attachment 2 Location Map



Legend

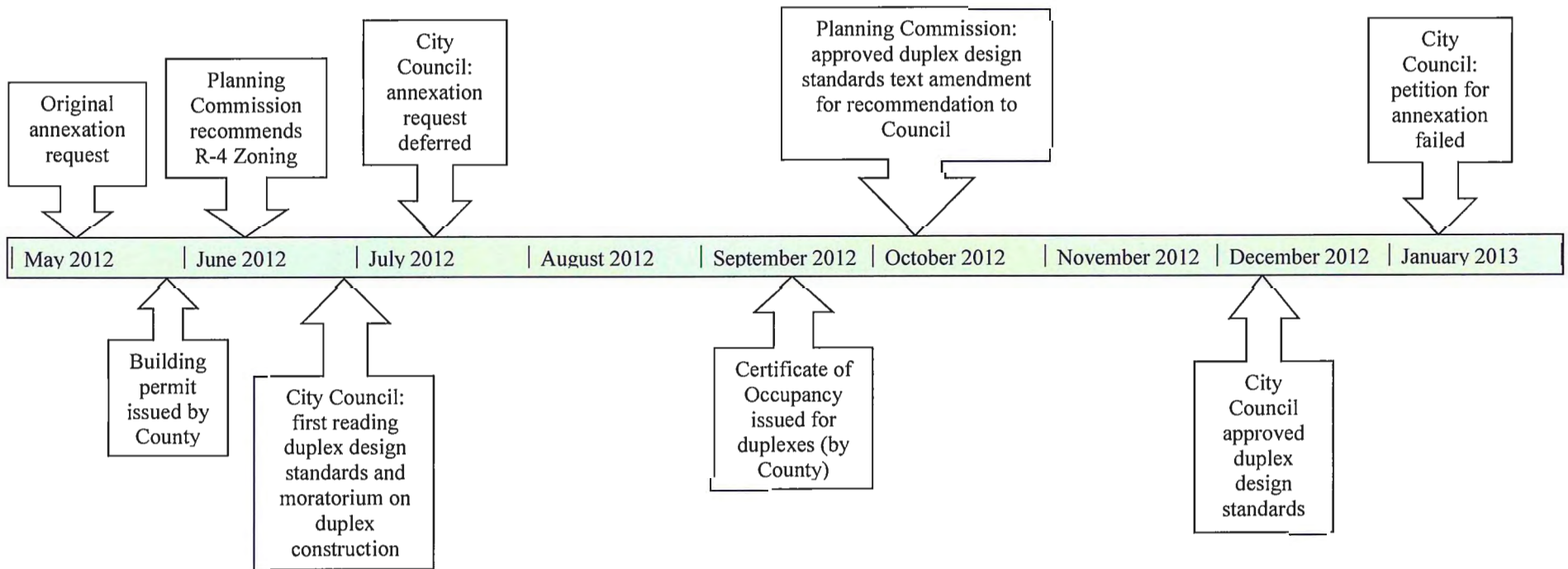
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-  City Limits



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Attachment 3

Timeline: 301, 303, 305, and 307 Alexander Street previous petition for annexation in relation to building construction and enactment of design standards for duplexes, triplexes, quadraplexes, and townhomes (Ordinance 2012-32)



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:

Florence County Tax Map 90060-13-002

3. Annexation is being sought for the following purposes: To afford the residents 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>24</u>
Race	-	<u>24</u>
Total 18 and Over		<u>16</u>
Total Registered to Vote		<u> </u>

Date: 4-2-15


Petitioner Stroud Holdings, LLC

Date: _____

Petitioner

Certification as to ownership on the date of petition:	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
Date <u>4/22/15</u>	<u>SRD</u>

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX AND ZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY STROUD HOLDINGS, LLC, TAX MAP NUMBER 90060-13-002

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in the Council Chambers on May 12, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, an application by Stroud Holdings, LLC, was presented requesting incorporation of certain parcels of land owned by Stroud Holdings, LLC and identified below 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 also amending the City of Florence Zoning Atlas by adding the zoning district classification of R-4, Multi-Family Residential District to the same parcels identified as follows:

**Florence County Tax Map 90060, block 13,
parcel 002 (0.66 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

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ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne Rowan
Municipal Clerk

FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 8, 2015
AGENDA ITEM: Ordinance – First Reading
SPONSORED BY: Council Member Buddy Brand

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

For consideration is an ordinance to revise Chapter 13 of the City of Florence, SC Code of Ordinances limiting the hours for and prohibiting aggressive activities of door-to-door solicitations by peddlers and by individuals seeking solicitations for charitable purposes within the Florence city limits.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN

- A. City Staff and some City Council members have recently received numerous complaints and concerns about recent door-to-door peddling and solicitation activities within the City.
- B. Additionally, the Police Department has over the last several weeks responded to at least seven complaints throughout the City about door-to-door peddling and solicitation, specifically pertaining to hours of operation and aggressive practices.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

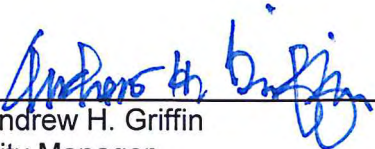
- A. The City's code of ordinances currently contains no regulations on the hours of operation or on certain aggressive tactics or practices of door-to-door peddlers or solicitations.
- B. Due to recent concerns expressed by City residents, it is reasonable that the City's ordinance should include regulations which limit the hours of door-to-door peddling and solicitation, and which include prohibitions against certain aggressive sales and solicitation tactics and practices.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Approve and adopt of the proposed ordinance revising Chapter 13 of the City of Florence, SC Code of Ordinances limiting the hours for and prohibiting aggressive activities of door-to-door solicitations by peddlers and by individuals seeking solicitations for charitable purposes within the Florence city limits.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Proposed ordinance.



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 2015- _____

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY CODE TO REGULATE THE HOURS AND AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATIONS BY PEDDLERS OR FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES WITHIN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes and acknowledges that the current Chapter 13 of the City Code, which regulates business activities and charitable solicitations within the City, has been in existence for over twenty (20) years and needs to be updated to address the issues raised by door-to-door peddling and charitable solicitations in the current setting; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of City Council that a number of residents of the City believe they have been subjected to unfair and potentially dangerous practices in door-to-door peddling and solicitations; and

WHEREAS, Council hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Florence, SC that it amend its current ordinance to regulate the hours and certain aggressive activities during which door-to-door charitable solicitations and door-to-door peddling are allowed within the City for the following reasons:

- (a) Having unsolicited and unknown individuals approach homes during hours of darkness or engage individuals in an aggressive manner creates a dynamic that leads to tensions and fears; and
- (b) The tensions and fears create a situation that has the potential for escalating dangers to both residents and those participating in solicitations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY THEREOF, THAT:

1. The Municipal Code for the City of Florence, South Carolina is hereby amended to add to Chapter 13 of the City Code three new subsections which shall be designated as subparagraph "g" to Section 13-18, a new Section 13-23, and a new Section 13-98, and these new provisions shall read in their entirety as follows:

NAICS Number 454390 Peddlers (direct sales of general merchandise):

Sec. 13-18g. See Section 13-23 for limitations on hours and activities related to Door-to-Door Peddling.

Sec. 13-23. Door-to-Door Peddling - Certain Hours and Activities Prohibited.

No person shall engage in *door-to-door peddling* as defined in this section between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. during the portion of the year when Eastern Standard Time applies. The prohibited times for *door-to-door peddling* shall change to “between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.” during the portion of the year when Daylight Savings Time is in effect.

In addition, no person shall conduct himself or herself in an *aggressive manner* as defined herein while engaged in *door-to-door peddling*.

As used in this Section, the term *Door-to-Door Peddling* shall mean any individual, whether a resident of the city or not, traveling by foot or any type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, requesting a person’s commitment of time, or orders for the sale of goods, wares, and merchandise, or other personal property of any nature whatsoever for immediate or future delivery, or for services to be furnished immediately or performed in the future, whether or not such individual has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of such sale or whether he is collecting advance payments on such sales or not.

As used in this Section, the term *aggressive manner* shall mean any of the following:

- (1) Persisting in closely following, approaching a person, or refusing to leave the premises after the person has informed the peddler by words or conduct that such person does not want to be solicited or does not want to give money or any other thing of value to the peddler;

- (2) Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with another person or an occupied vehicle without that person's consent in the course of door-to-door peddling;
- (3) Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including unreasonably causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact;
- (4) Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person before, during, or after door-to-door peddling; or
- (5) Using profane, offensive or abusive language which is likely to cause the person solicited to be intimidated by such language before, during, or after door-to-door peddling.

Sec. 13-98. Door-to-Door Charitable Solicitation – Certain Hours and Activities Prohibited.

No person shall engage in *door-to-door charitable solicitation* as defined in section herein between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. during the portion of the year when Eastern Standard Time applies. The prohibited times for *door-to-door charitable solicitation* shall change to “between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.” during the portion of the year when Daylight Savings Time is in effect.

In addition, no person shall conduct him or herself in an *aggressive manner* as defined herein while engaged in *door-to-door charitable soliciting*.

As used in this Section, the term *door-to-door charitable soliciting* shall mean any of the following:

- (1) Any individual, whether a resident of the city or not, who on behalf of himself or herself is traveling by foot or any type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, requesting, directly or indirectly, for his or her own livelihood money, credit,

property, financial assistance, remuneration, or other thing of value.

(2) Any individual, whether a resident of the city or not, who on behalf of a charitable organization is traveling by foot or any type of conveyance, from place to place, house to house, or from street to street, requesting, directly or indirectly, for money, credit, property, financial assistance, remuneration, or other thing of value.

As used in this Section, the term *aggressive manner* shall mean any of the following:

(1) Persisting in closely following, approaching a person, or refusing to leave the premises after the person has informed the charitable solicitor by words or conduct that such person does not want to be solicited or does not want to give money or any other thing of value to the charitable solicitor;

(2) Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with another person or an occupied vehicle without that person's consent in the course of *door-to-door charitable soliciting*;

(3) Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including unreasonably causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact;

(4) Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person before, during, or after *door-to-door soliciting*; or

(5) Using profane, offensive or abusive language which is likely to cause the person solicited to be intimidated by such language before, during, or after *door-to-door soliciting*.

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

ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2015.

Approved as to Form:

JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.
City Attorney

STEPHEN J. WUKELA
Mayor

Attest:

DIANNE M. ROWAN
Municipal Clerk

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 8, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: First Reading, Ordinance to Amend PDD Ordinance 2009-23

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION

Request to amend Planned Development District Ordinance 2009-23 site plan.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on June 9, 2015 regarding this matter. City Council approved an amendment to Ordinance 2009-23 in September of 2010 to allow the construction of an ICU tower and the connecting concourse (Ordinance 2010-24).

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER

- (1) In September 2009, City Council adopted an ordinance that rezoned multiple lots owned by McLeod Regional Medical Center to Planned Development District (PDD).
- (2) This ordinance was accompanied by a site plan for the medical campus illustrating the development standards and types of uses allowed on the McLeod properties.
- (3) McLeod Regional Medical Center would like to amend PDD Ordinance 2009-23 to update the development plan and allow construction to include the relocation and expansion of the emergency department, a parking deck, a medical office building, an ambulatory surgery center, an administrative office building, and the widening of Jarrot Street. McLeod Regional Medical Center has provided a narrative explaining the scope of this expansion (Attachment 4) as well as a site plan illustrating the locations of the proposed development (Attachment 5).
- (4) All other regulations would remain the same as stated in Ordinance 2009-23.

IV. OPTIONS

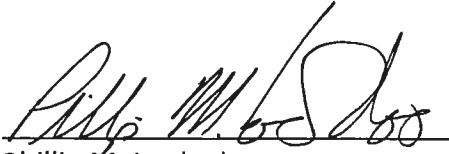
City Council may:

- (1) Approve the request as presented based on the information submitted.
- (2) Defer the request should additional information be needed.
- (3) Suggest other alternatives
- (4) Deny the request.

V. NOTES

VI. ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Ordinance
- (2) Location Map
- (3) Ordinance 2009-23
- (4) Narrative of proposed expansion
- (5) Proposed site plan for McLeod Campus



Phillip M. Lookadoo
Planning, Research, & Development Director

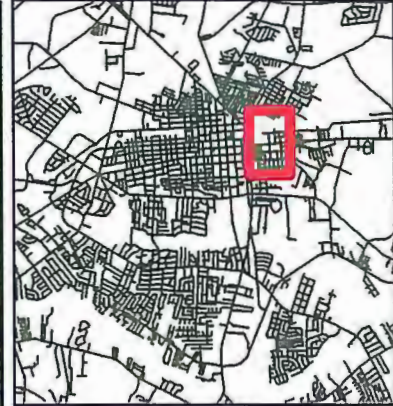


Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Attachment 2

Location Map of Proposed Construction

McLeod Regional Medical Center



Legend

- Parcels
- RoadSegment



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Attachment 3

ORDINANCE NO. 2009 - 23

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE MULTIPLE PROPERTIES OWNED BY MCLEOD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in Room 604 of the City-County Complex on July 14, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, an application by Design Strategies, was presented requesting an amendment to the City of Florence Zoning Atlas that the aforesaid properties be zoned PDD from B-1, B-2, B-3, and R-4:

The properties requesting zoning amendment are shown more specifically on attached map and spreadsheet (approximately 120.72 acres).

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:

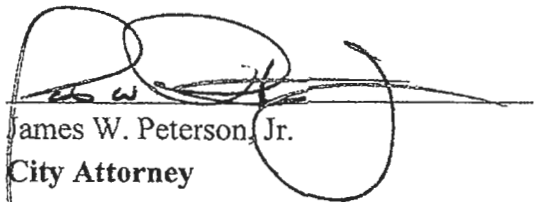
1. That an Ordinance is hereby adopted by amending the Zoning Atlas of the City of Florence of the aforesaid property to PDD, Planned Development District.
2. That this Ordinance shall become effective seven days upon its approval and adoption by the City Council of the City of Florence and posting of this amendment in the official **Zoning Atlas**.

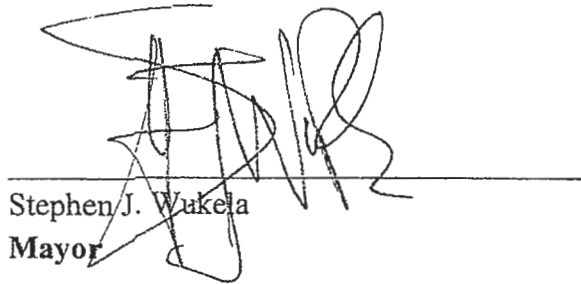
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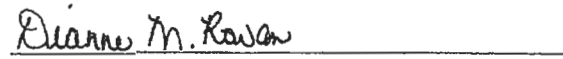
ADOPTED THIS 14th DAY OF September 2009.

Approved as to form:


James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney


Stephen J. Wukela
Mayor

Attest:


Dianne M. Rowan
Municipal Clerk

APPROVED ON FIRST READING AT A
MEETING OF FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE 8-10-2009

ADOPTED ON SECOND READING

DATE 9-14-2009

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Attachment 4: Narrative & Proposed Expansion

May 22, 2015

McLeod PDD Update

Narrative of Proposed Development

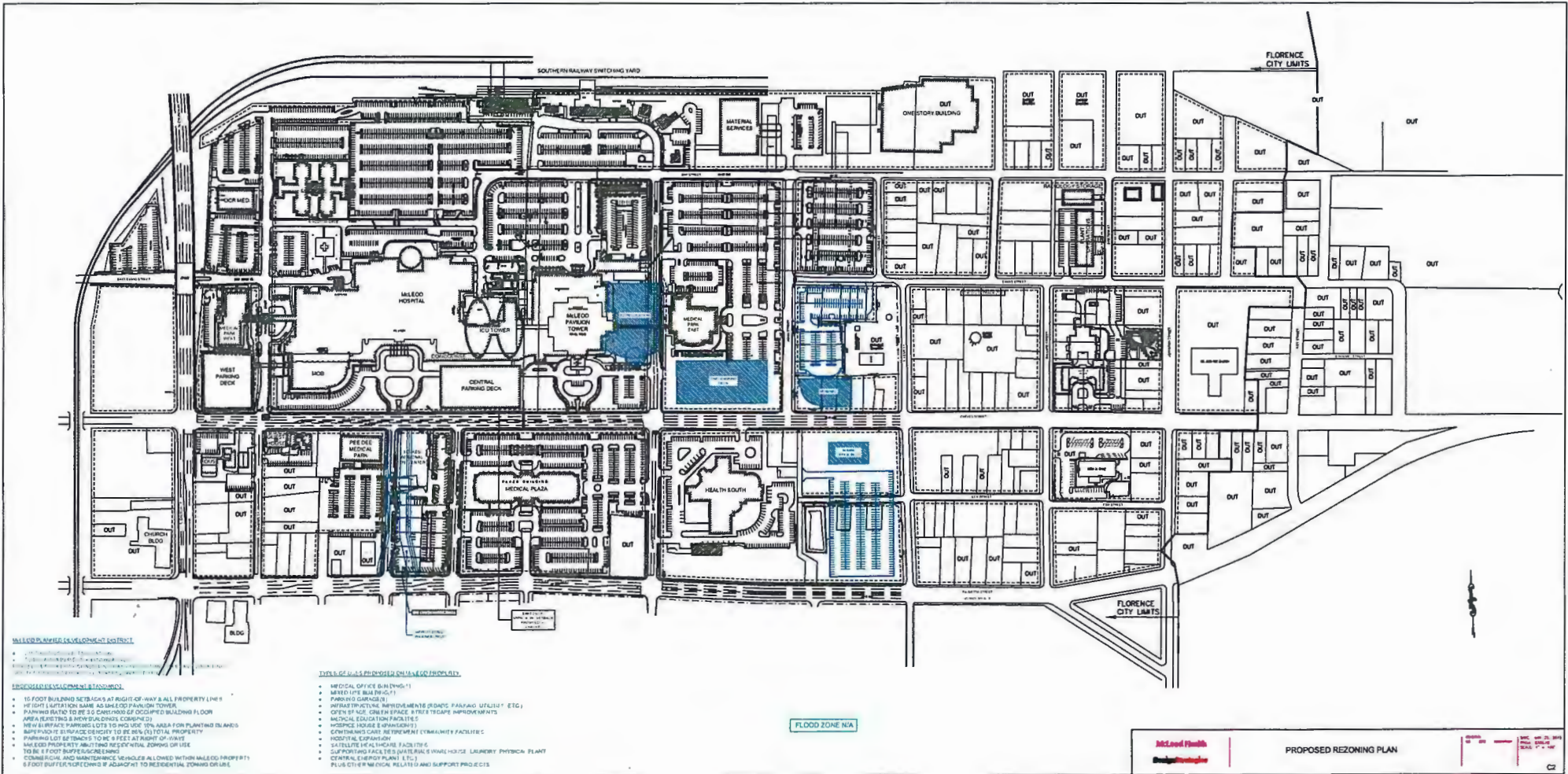
McLeod continues to grow as a major Medical Center in the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. In order to meet the increasing demands of its healthcare mission, the following Campus Expansion Projects are being planned and developed for immediate Facility Expansion:

1. **Relocate and Expand Emergency Department** – The proposed relocation and expansion of the Emergency Dept. will include about 50,000 gsf of space which will abut the Pavilion Tower and extend to the eastern curb of Griffin Street as it exists today. McLeod will petition SC DOT and Florence City Engineering Dept. to vacate the R/W of Griffin Street between Cheves St. and Day St. and deed the R/W over to McLeod to accommodate this ED Expansion. The ED project may include an addition of 3 to 6 stories above the ED structure for expansion of the Pavilion Tower floors. The total height of this expansion will not exceed 6 stories (including ED on 1st level) or about 95 to 100 ft. of vertical height. This could expand the Pavilion Tower by up to 250-300,000 gsf including the ED Relocation. Parking for the ED, and the floors above the ED, will be accommodated in the proposed East Parking Deck (see below for description of this project) and in existing surface parking lots located between Griffin St. and John St. where there are excess parking spaces available. The existing ED Helipad will also be relocated to this project area.
2. **East Parking Deck** – To accommodate the proposed Emergency Dept. relocation, McLeod proposes to develop a new Parking Deck along Cheves St. between Griffin St. and John St. The East Deck will be two (2) elevated levels plus one level on grade (3 levels of parking), and will accommodate about 450 cars parking. The deck will include normal and handicap accessible spaces, elevators, stairs, fire protection, lighting, etc. The intent is for this new East Parking Deck to be similar in appearance and functional traffic flow to the existing Central Parking Deck near the Hospital Main entrance, also fronting on Cheves St.
3. **Medical Office Building and Ambulatory Surgery Center** – McLeod proposes to develop a new Medical Office Bldg. to house physician offices on the 2nd & 3rd floors, plus a new 1st floor Ambulatory Surgery Center (MOB/ASC) to replace the outdated facilities within the Stokes Building. The New MOB/ASC will be located along East Cheves St at the NE corner of John St. and will be similar in appearance to the Cancer Center MOB on the McLeod Campus. The new building will be 3 stories in height and will total approximately 60,000 gsf of space. The site will include about 275 cars surface parking, plus a parking space for a mobile MRI unit and utility and support services for this new building.
4. **Administrative Office Building** – McLeod proposes to develop a new General Office Building to accommodate Administrative office functions. The building will be located along East Cheves St. at the SW corner of Cheves and Kemp St. (across Cheves St. from the new MOB/ASC). The new General Office bldg. will have approximately 60,000 gsf and will be 3-stories in height. The site will include parking for about 250 surface parking spaces plus drives for support services to the building.

5. **Widen Jarrott St. to a Boulevard Street** – Once McLeod has completed the above noted MOB/ASC, the existing Stokes Eye Bldg. at the SE corner of Jarrott St and Cheves St. will be demolished. This will allow the widening of Jarrott St. to a boulevard street, with planted median, which will align with the entry drive to the McLeod Main Tower north of Cheves St. This project has been reviewed previously with Florence City Engineering and has met with their concept approval. Detailed design studies will be formally submitted once this project moves into design phases of work.

Attachment 5: Proposed Site Plan for McLeod Regional Medical Center

(blue notes proposed new development)



ORDINANCE NO. 2015-_____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ORDINANCE 2009-23 SITE PLAN:

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held in City Council Chambers on June 9, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. before the City of Florence Planning Commission and notice of said hearing was duly given;

WHEREAS, McLeod Regional Medical Center made application to amend Planned Development District Ordinance 2009-23 to update the development plan and allow construction to include the relocation and expansion of the emergency department, a parking deck, a medical office building, an ambulatory surgery center, an administrative office building, and the widening of Jarrot Street.

WHEREAS, the request was made for further expansion of McLeod Regional Medical Center's campus

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 by amending Planned Development District Ordinance 2009-23 to update the development plan to allow the aforementioned expansion of McLeod Regional Medical Center's campus.
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.

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ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014

Approved as to form:

James W. Peterson, Jr.
City Attorney

Stephen J. Wukela,
Mayor

Attest:

Dianne M. Rowan
Municipal Clerk

**VIII. a.
Resolution
No. 2015-14**

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: June 8, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution to Adopt the Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Adoption of the Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan as required and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

No previous action has been taken by City Council regarding this Hazard Mitigation Plan. Council previously adopted the Pee Dee Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan in February 2005.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

1. FEMA requires the adoption of an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan for communities to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation grant funds.
2. The Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan was compiled by a working group of County and Municipal staff members and includes the input of the Citizens of Florence County through public meetings held within Florence County.
3. City staff participated in the development of this plan as part of the Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee.
4. The Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan replaces the outdated Pee Dee Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Two excerpts from the plan are included as attachments (Introduction and City of Florence Initiatives). A complete copy of the plan can be viewed at the City of Florence website at the following link:
http://www.cityofflorence.com/docs/documents-planning/florence_county_hazard_mitigation_plan-.pdf?sfvrsn=0

IV. OPTIONS:

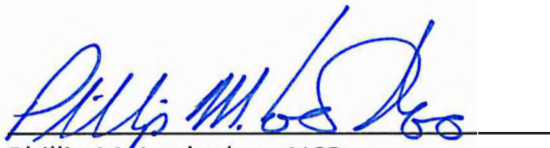
City Council may:

1. Approve the request as presented based on the information submitted.
2. Defer the request should additional information be needed.

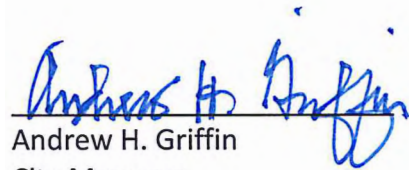
V. NOTES:

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution
2. Introduction Chapter from Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan
3. City of Florence Initiatives from Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan



Phillip M. Lookadoo, AICP
Planning, Research, & Development Director



Andrew H. Griffin
City Manager

Florence County

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Section One

INTRODUCTION

1. Introduction

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, also known as DMA 2000 was signed into law on October 30, 2000 by the President. This established a requirement that to remain eligible for federal funds, local and state governments must develop and adopt an approved hazard mitigation plan. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published an Interim Final Rule (IFR) on February 26, 2002. This set the guidance and regulations under which such plans are to be developed. It includes the planning process as well as the contents of the plan that are required.

Hazard mitigation is often defined as actions taken to reduce the effects of natural hazards on a place and its population. This plan focuses on the countywide hazards with the highest potential for damaging physical assets, people and operations in Florence County. Both the risk assessment and mitigation action plan sections reflect this emphasis, which was the result of careful consideration and a ranking process carried out by the Florence County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (FCHMPC). This committee was formed and staffed by the Florence County Emergency Management Department and the Florence County Planning Department. The committee was charged with developing a county component for the plan. Neighboring communities, agencies involved in hazard mitigation and businesses, academia, and other relevant private and non-profit interests were also involved in the planning process. All towns and cities as well as representatives from law enforcement, emergency services, business and industry and others with interest in hazard mitigation planning were invited to participate in the development of the respective county components of the plan.

The FCHMPC reviewed existing plans, studies, reports and technical information. Documents reviewed included comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances, building codes, historical hazard event records, and emergency operations plans. Recommendations in these documents relative to hazard mitigation issues were addressed in the hazard vulnerability analysis and hazard mitigation initiatives prepared for inclusion in this plan. Additionally, public meetings were scheduled to provide an opportunity for the general public and local government officials to have input. This was accomplished by public meetings conducted in Florence County. The meetings were coordinated by the Florence County Emergency Management Department and the Florence County Planning Department in cooperation with administrative officials from each participating municipality. The public was invited to the meetings through news releases and notices posted at municipal and county offices.

Florence County Emergency Management and Florence County Planning assisted the county planning committee in conducting detailed studies to identify the hazards threatening the jurisdictions of Florence County and to estimate the relative risks posed to the community by those hazards. This information has been used by the committee to prioritize their planning efforts to assess the vulnerabilities of the facilities and neighborhoods of Florence County to the

impacts of future disasters involving those hazards. With these vulnerabilities identified, the committee worked to identify, justify and prioritize specific proposals for projects and programs that will avoid or minimize these vulnerabilities. This document includes a detailed characterization of hazards in Florence County; a risk assessment that describes potential losses to physical assets, people, and operations; a set of goals, objectives, strategies, and initiatives that will guide Florence County mitigation activities; and a detailed plan for implementing and monitoring the plan.

These proposed projects and programs to reduce the impacts of future disasters are called "mitigation initiatives" in this document. Mitigation initiatives have been developed, and will continue to be developed, by the county planning committee for implementation whenever the resources and opportunities to do so become available. Implementation of this plan is essentially through implementation of the mitigation initiatives included in the plan, and with each implementation effort, the county planning committee will continue to help make the participating communities more resistant to the human and economic costs of future disasters.

This document details the work of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee over the past several months to develop the planning organization, to undertake the needed technical analyses, and to coordinate the mitigation initiatives that have been proposed by the participating jurisdictions and organizations. The draft plan will be submitted to all participating jurisdictions for adoption by the respective governing bodies.

The Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been established to make the population, neighborhoods, businesses and institutions of the community more resistant to the impacts of future disasters. The county planning committee and staff have been undertaking a comprehensive, detailed evaluation of the vulnerabilities of the towns, cities and unincorporated areas throughout the county to all types of future natural hazards in order to identify ways to make the communities of the planning area more resistant to their impacts. This document reports the results of that planning process for the current planning period.

2. Organization of the Plan

The plan is organized into six sections.

1. Introduction
 2. Planning Process
 3. Community Profile
 4. Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
 5. Progress In Plan Implementation
 6. Mitigation Goals and Objectives and Plan Implementation
 7. Completion of Proposed Mitigation Initiatives
- Appendices

The following sections of the Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan present the detailed information to support these purposes. The remainder of the plan describes the county planning committee to managing the planning process. The plan then summarizes the results of the hazard identification and vulnerability assessment process, and addresses the adequacy of the current policy basis for hazard management by the participating jurisdictions and organizations. The plan provides a description of the mitigation-related characteristics of each participating jurisdiction, such as its land uses and population growth trends, the mitigation-related policies already in-place, identified critical facilities present in the community, and if there

are properties that have been repeatedly damaged by past disasters. The past and planned efforts of the committee to engage the entire community in the mitigation planning process are documented. The plan further addresses the mitigation goals and objectives established by the committee and the actions to be taken to maintain, expand and refine the Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan and the planning process. Finally, the plan documents the structural and non-structural mitigation initiatives proposed by the participating jurisdiction to address the identified vulnerabilities.

3. Executive Summary

Florence County as a whole is threatened by a number of different types of hazards. These hazards endanger the health and safety of the population of the community, jeopardize its economic vitality, and imperil the quality of its environment. Because of the importance of avoiding or minimizing the vulnerabilities to these hazards, the public and private sector interests of Florence County have joined together to undertake a comprehensive planning process that has culminated in the publication of this document: "The Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan." Florence County is comprised of the following nine municipalities in the northeastern portion of the state:

Town of Coward	Town of Pamplico
City of Florence	Town of Quinby
Town of Johnsonville	Town of Scranton
City of Lake City	Town of Timmonsville
Town of Olanta	

Florence County government provides planning and economic development technical assistance services to these municipalities. This is a county wide hazard mitigation plan, and the planning effort has been conducted through the coordinated, cooperative effort of these local governments.

The purpose of a mitigation plan is to rationalize the process of determining appropriate hazard mitigation actions. This document includes a detailed characterization of hazards in Florence County; a risk assessment that describes potential losses to physical assets, people, and operations; a set of goals, objectives, strategies, and initiatives that will guide Florence County mitigation activities; and a detailed plan for implementing and monitoring the plan. This plan will continue to be updated and expanded in the future to ensure it addresses changing conditions in the participating jurisdictions, experiences with disasters that do occur, and any changes in the characteristics of the hazards that threaten the involved communities. This updating process and future editions of the mitigation plan issued will also be used to continue to inform and involve the general public and other interested groups to fully participate in making the community more resistant to the impacts of future disasters.

The Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared in accordance with the process established in the State and Local Mitigation Planning guidance produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the requirements of the interim Final Rule. The process established in the guides includes four basic steps; Organize Resources, Assess Risks, Develop a Mitigation Plan and Implement the plan and monitor progress.

Table 7-1 describes the key elements of the Mitigation Initiatives

Key Elements of Mitigation Initiatives

Florence County Mitigation Action	Title of Action
Hazard Addressed	Hazard which the action addresses
Goal/Objective Addressed	Goal and objective addressed
Priority(High, Moderate and Low)	In preparing their own individual Mitigation Actions Place, each jurisdiction considered their overall hazard risk and capability to mitigate natural hazards as recorded through the risk and capability assessment process, in addition to meeting the adopted countywide mitigation goals and the unique needs of the unique needs of their community. Prioritizing mitigation actions for each jurisdiction was based on the following five (5) factors: (1) effect on overall risk to life and property; (2) ease of implementation; (3) political and community support; (4) a general economic cost/benefit review; and (5) funding availability. This process is also described on page 8:2, Section 8: Mitigation Strategy.
Lead Agency/Department Responsible	Department responsible for undertaking the action.
Estimated Cost	Anticipated cost of the action.
Potential Funding Source	Local, state or federal sources of funds are noted if applicable.
Implementation Schedule	Date by which the action should be completed.
Implementation Status	Completed, progress, deferment, deleted or no change since the previous plan. If the action is new that will also be noted.
Comments	

Initiatives by Location

City of Florence Initiatives

Florence County Mitigation Action 40	Conduct a hazard vulnerability assessment for all town facilities and sites.
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Earthquake, Flooding, Hailstorm, Hurricane, Winter Storm, Tornado, Wildfire, and Severe Thunderstorm & Lightning
Goal/Objective Addressed	Goal 1/Objective 1
Priority	High
Lead Agency/Department Responsible	Emergency Management
Estimated Cost	\$10,000.00
Potential Funding Source	Local and state funds
Implementation Schedule	1 year
Implementation Status	Ongoing Current Status: Ongoing
Comments	

Florence County Mitigation Action 50	Retrofit critical facilities as identified for the City of Florence Project Impact study "Natural Hazard Evaluation of Public Facilities, June 2001.
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Earthquake, Flooding, Hailstorm, Hurricane, Winter Storm, Tornado, Wildfire, and Severe Thunderstorm & Lightning
Goal/Objective Addressed	Goal 7/Objective 3
Priority	Moderate
Lead Agency/Department Responsible	City of Florence Emergency Management
Estimated Cost	\$250,000.00
Potential Funding Source	Local, state and federal.
Implementation Schedule	3 to 5 years
Implementation Status	No change Current Status: Complete
Comments	

Florence County Mitigation Action 72	Make provisions for emergency power supply to water and sewer facilities in the event of power failure.
Hazard Addressed	Drought, Earthquake, Flooding, Hailstorm, Hurricane, Winter Storm, Tornado, Wildfire, and Severe Thunderstorm & Lightning
Goal/Objective Addressed	Goal 4/Objective 6
Priority	Moderate
Lead Agency/Department Responsible	Public Works
Estimated Cost	\$100,000.00
Potential Funding Source	Local, state and federal funds
Implementation Schedule	1 to 2 years
Implementation Status	No change Current Status: Ongoing
Comments	

Florence County Mitigation Action 84	The City of Florence continues to participate in the Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program. The current rating is a Class 8; an improved rating would lower flood insurance premiums as well as help to minimize flood risks.
Hazard Addressed	Flooding
Goal/Objective Addressed	Goal 6/Objective 6
Priority	High
Lead Agency/Department Responsible	City of Florence Planning Department
Estimated Cost	\$50,000.00
Potential Funding Source	Local, state and federal funds
Implementation Schedule	1 to 2 years
Implementation Status	No change Current Status: CRS Class 7
Comments	

Florence County Mitigation Action 190	Involve business in community hazard mitigation planning.
Hazard Addressed	All hazards
Goal/Objective Addressed	Goal 2/Objective 1
Priority	Moderate
Lead Agency/Department Responsible	Emergency Management
Estimated Cost	\$5,000.00
Potential Funding Source	Local Funds
Implementation Schedule	1 to 2 years
Implementation Status	No change Current Status: Ongoing
Comments	

Florence County Mitigation Action 191	Retrofit local and state government facilities with storm shutters, laminated or impact-resistant glass, anchor bolts, hurricane straps and clips.
Hazard Addressed	Hurricane
Goal/Objective Addressed	Goal 4/Objective 1
Priority	Moderate
Lead Agency/Department Responsible	Emergency Management
Estimated Cost	\$500,000.00
Potential Funding Source	Local, state and federal funds
Implementation Schedule	2 to 5 years
Implementation Status	New Current Status: Ongoing
Comments	

Florence County Mitigation Action 192	Ensure individuals are aware of earthquake potential and review their homeowners or renters insurance policy to ensure they have coverage for earthquake damage.
Hazard Addressed	Earthquake
Goal/Objective Addressed	Goal 10/Objective 6
Priority	Moderate
Lead Agency/Department Responsible	Emergency Management
Estimated Cost	\$10,000.00
Potential Funding Source	Local, state and federal funds
Implementation Schedule	1 to 3 years
Implementation Status	New Current Status: Ongoing
Comments	

Florence County Mitigation Action 207	Maintain compliance with the NFIP.
Hazard Addressed	Flooding
Goal/Objective Addressed	Goal 6/Objective 6
Priority(High, Moderate and Low)	High
Lead Agency/Department Responsible	Emergency Management and Planning
Estimated Cost	Unknown
Potential Funding Source	Local, State and Federal
Implementation Schedule	Yearly
Implementation Status	On Going Current Status: Ongoing
Comments	

(STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - _____

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Florence continues to support efforts to make the Florence area less vulnerable to disasters and;

WHEREAS, a Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared by the Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee for Florence County and incorporated communities as required and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and;

WHEREAS, adoption of an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan is now required for communities to be eligible for federal hazard mitigation grant funds and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Florence, that the Florence County Hazard Mitigation Plan dated 2013 be adopted.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JAMES W. PETERSON, JR.
CITY ATTORNEY

STEPHEN J. WUKELA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DIANNE M. ROWAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**IX. b.
Report To
Council**

CITY OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE June 8, 2015

AGENDA ITEM: Report to
Council

DEPARTMENT/DIVISION: Department of Planning, Research & Development

I. ISSUE UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Report to Council concerning a proposed corridor study including the U.S. 76 East corridor from the eastern city limits to Francis Marion University.

II. CURRENT STATUS/PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

- (1) On July 17, 2014, The City/County Conference Committee discussed development issues within the U.S. 76 East Corridor and the role the corridor plays relative to economic development. Another topic of discussion was the role of the corridor as one of four major gateways into the City.
- (2) A subcommittee was formed to explore the viability of contracting a study to help guide growth and development along the corridor.

III. POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- (1) Strategy 3.6.1 of the Florence Comprehensive Plan makes specific reference to conducting corridor studies jointly with Florence County along the major entrances to the City with "U.S. 76 at eastern City limits" being one such entrance.
- (2) Appearances within the corridor are important to economic development interests.
- (3) This corridor is the first visual experience to which anyone visiting the area from the east or via air travel is exposed.
- (4) The corridor as a gateway forms first impressions to visitors to and passers through Florence.
- (5) Traffic flow and patterns through the corridor are critical to commuter traffic both to and from Florence.
- (6) Primary stakeholders include McLeod Hospital, the Florence regional Airport and Francis Marion University s anchor businesses long with the County and City of Florence as representative governing bodies.

IV. NOTES

V. ATTACHMENTS:

Excerpt (Strategy 3.6.1) from the Comprehensive plan.



Planning, Research, & Development Director



City Manager

FLATS Intersection Improvements Recommendations

Two major intersection and interchange improvements are also recommended as a part of the 2035 FLATS LRTP:

- *Construct half cloverleaf interchange at I-95 and McIver Road*
- *Construct 2-lane roundabout at the Five Points intersection*

Intersection Improvements Recommendations, would enhance the image of this important corridor approach to downtown Florence and the Florence Regional Airport. In a similar fashion, opportunities exist to transform the paved turning lanes of other highway approaches into landscaped medians, particularly in advance of

ensuing development. Creation of an esplanade within the continuous center turn lane on South Irby could transform the aesthetic integrity of this important portal to the downtown district.

Strategy 3.6.1: Upgrade the Appearance of the City's Major Approaches.

Rationale

Residents, visitors, and business prospects alike usually gain a lasting opinion of the City by their first impressions. It is important that Florence projects itself in the most positive fashion possible. Improvements in the public right-of-way are some of the most cost effective and easy-to-implement measures. The pleasant, green appearance along David McLeod Boulevard, for instance, presents a strong impression as to the City's values and livability.

Actions and Initiatives

- ◆ Design, fund, and install community gateways in the following priority locations:
 - » I-95 and U.S. 76/West Palmetto;
 - » U.S. 76 at eastern City limits;
 - » I-95 and Alligator Road;³
 - » I-95 and U.S. 52/West Lucas Street;
 - » SR 26 and TV Road;

³ A gateway at this location assumes there is I-95 access at some point in the future.

- » I-95 and SR 327; and
- » SR 51 at southeastern City limits.

- ◆ Prepare corridor master plans jointly with Florence County for the roadways on the fringe of the City limits with a goal of adopting regulatory provisions addressing signage, landscaping, general use types (and prohibited uses), outdoor storage and display, and other functional and aesthetic elements.
- ◆ Prepare corridor revitalization studies and plans including a detailed inventory and assessment of existing conditions such as land use and zoning, building footprints, numbers and locations of driveways and parking lots, numbers and locations of signs, trees and vegetation, natural features and open space, street cross section and right-of-way, sidewalks and bike/pedestrian improvements, pervious/impervious surfaces, and general visual elements. The revitalization plan should include specific regulatory recommendations and identified improvements and their

Historical Designation of Scenic or Historical Byways

Designation as a Scenic or Historical Byway includes the protection and enhancement of scenic or historic highway programs and sites, including SC Scenic Byways, and National Scenic Byways, as well as other State and Federal-designated and/or eligible historic highways, regardless of the functional classification of the road. Historic highways must also be listed on/eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Applicants must include documentation of National Register listing/eligibility with their application to be eligible under the historic highway provision.

- *Installation of interpretive plaques, signs, aesthetic guardrail, and visually sensitive bridge rails.*
- *Restoration of historic highway-related features such as retaining walls or historic markers.*
- *Construction of new or restoration of existing tourist and welcome centers related to scenic or historical sites.*
- *Development of scenic overlooks on State-designated Scenic Byways or National Scenic Byways.*

Source: South Carolina Department of Transportation

estimated costs. An implementation plan should identify priorities, funding options and sources, and a timeline.

- ◆ Partner with SCDOT in the establishment of scenic or historic byways particularly along U.S. 76 – and possibly other State routes through Florence – which would tap into Transportation Enhancement funds for activities that will protect and enhance the scenic and historic integrity and visitor appreciation of an existing highway or adjacent area.
- ◆ Coordinate with SCDOT to amend the design standards for the right-of-way width of new or extended arterial streets to acquire sufficient additional right-of-way to include environmental resources and add green space and buffer zones from adjacent land uses. This may include the acquisition of easements for the placement of entry gateway treatments, which may be funded by the City.
- ◆ Repurpose the landscaped median in the East Palmetto Street corridor near the Florence Regional Airport, including landscape enhancement, upgraded street lighting, and possibly public art installations.
- ◆ Select a “test case” area for replacing portions of the paved center turning lane with raised – or depressed – landscaped medians, which would be for the purpose of improving traffic control and better managing access while enhancing the visual environment. If the initial installation is successful, identify specific areas where additional median landscaping would be most effective and develop a long-term program for its implementation.
- ◆ Implement additional streetscape improvements in the southern “cultural district” part of downtown. Replace streetlights and provide additional amenities such as banners, benches, and street furniture, and other pedestrian-focused amenities. (See **Figure 3.7: Streetscape Transformation**).

Focus Area 3.7

Expand and enhance public transportation services.

The Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA), which serves six counties in the Pee Dee Region, operates six fixed bus routes in the Florence area via the Florence Transit System. The agency also offers regular

commuter service into Florence from Dillon, Marion, Hartsville, and Darlington. The systems serve over 100 destinations within the City and environs and operate seven days per week. Additionally, the PDRTA provides services in Chesterfield and Marlboro Counties, with service between Chesterfield, Cheraw, and Bennettsville. It also provides two daily commuter service trips between Florence and Myrtle Beach.

Para-transit, or on-demand service for persons with disabilities and the elderly, has been the most significant portion of PDRTA's regular business. PDRTA is the transportation provider for many human services agencies in the Pee Dee Region, particularly providing access to the City's medical centers.



*Pee Dee Regional
Transit Agency vehicle*

(Source: PDRTA website)

Key planning considerations for upgrading public transportation offerings include:

- *Continuing to invest in the expansion of the PDRTA vehicle fleet and service.*
- *Providing expanded service in connecting Francis Marion University's outlying campus with the future student activities associated with the downtown Performing Arts Center and other university-related activities.*

Strategy 3.7.1: Enhance and expand public transportation options.

Rationale

A strong public transit system with fixed routes, intercity commuter service, and Para-transit services has been a part of Florence's community fabric for over 30 years. The community should continue to support and expand the role of transit as the area continues to grow and change.

Actions and Initiatives

- ◆ Cooperate with PDRTA to study ridership potential, as Florence grows, to determine ridership patterns and opportunities for modifying or adding routes.